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Socceroos meet Chelsea and play in big Jakarta tourney

LIMITED PROGRAM!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Socceroos' home appearances during the 1990 QNSL closed season could be limited to one match against high-riding English First Division side Chelsea.

Negotiations are going ahead on the basis that the game be played on Friday, June 1 at Parramatta Stadium in Sydney.

Chelsea would bring a full squad to the Super Six Indoor Tournament, which will be again held in Brisbane.

Manchester City and Nottingham Forest will also be sending six-a-side teams.

The Australian

squad will be relying on the Indonesian Independence Tournament in Jakarta to get their act on the road.

Indonesia stage their major tournament every second year, with high-class opponents drawn from eight countries.

ASF general secretary Alan Vessey said: "The Indonesians will be bringing a big party to Australia for a camp from April 11/27.

"That will give us the opportunity for first-hand discussions with their officials on details of the Jakarta tournament.

"There is a good chance that we will also arrange for four local games when

they are here."

Whilst the ASF has had difficulty bedding down Socceroo games, the Young Socceroos will have a series of matches in Indonesia.

The squad began its World Youth Cup preparations at the Australian Institute of Sport in February, and have another camp in early May.

Details are being finalised with the full co-operation of the Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The ASF would have been glad to conduct a series of matches against current Chilean champions, Colo Colo.

"Arrangements were agreed and confirmed through the Chilean Consulate, when Colo Colo apparently got advice from local agents to increase



Marconi's Bob Catlin in some difficulty against Sydney Croatia's Mark Jones last week as team-mates Paul Okon and Fred de Jong look on — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Berti Mariani's Marconi back on top

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

HIGHLY successful Marconi coach Berti Mariani was most relieved after seeing his side beat Sydney Croatia 2-0 last Sunday to regain top of the QNSL

status.

Mariani, chasing his hat-trick of NSL titles told ASW: "The match was a good demonstration by Marconi, showing great character after three successive losses. We powered our way through the first

half, playing good football.

"I was most pleased with our defence which showed a good degree of urgency as a unit.

"The pressure was getting to us lately, having played a mammoth 10 matches in just

36 days.

"But if you ask me about the title, well what can I say except that it is obviously too

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Top NSW Amateur post for Robbie Wheatley

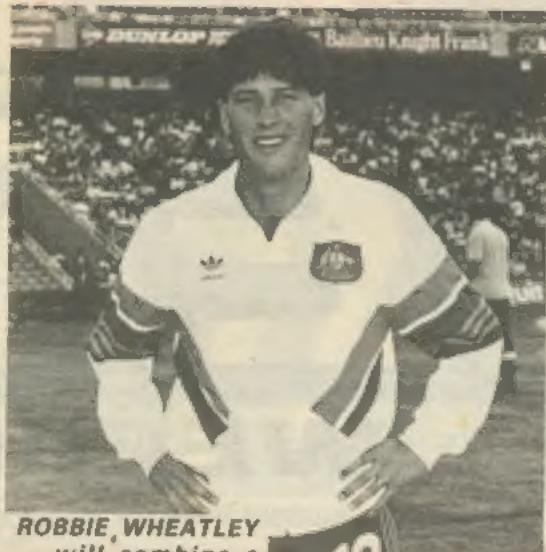
CURRENT Socceroo and Marconi first grade player Robbie Wheatley has been appointed as the first NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Promotions and Development Officer.

Wheatley has represented Australia 10 times as a Socceroo and 17 times as a Youth Socceroo and has played over 240 first grade games.

He will now represent Australia's largest state soccer body as a front man dealing with all levels of the media, at major functions and at the association, club and school level.

Funded through the Promotions and Development Fund via a contribution of \$1 per amateur player, this major project will be instrumental in reviving interest in soccer.

Wheatley will be responsible for developing



ROBBIE WHEATLEY
— will combine a brilliant playing career with a PR job with the NSW Amateurs.

He will also survey the needs of the Association, and attempt to meet these needs from existing or innovative ideas.

Television advertising similar to that currently appearing on NBN3 on behalf of the Northern NSW Federation will be seen in other areas.

Soccer will be represented wherever there are large crowds such as the Easter Show, Heart Week, Life Be In It and all other similar activities.

Wheatley will be encouraged to continue with his promising career as a soccer player as part of his new job.

Until now, Robbie Wheatley has been a Physical Education/English teacher and sports organiser with both a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate of Sports Administration under his belt.

At 27 years of age, Robbie is one of the new breed of soccer player/administrators which will shape the future of the code for years to come.

The general manager of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, Cec Bucello, said that "he was delighted at the appointment of such an obviously capable person."

Further, he said: "All Amateur Associations who voted for the payment of this \$1 per player contribution should be congratulated for having the foresight to see the need for this project and for having the courage to commit these much needed funds for such a worthwhile exercise before its value could be proven."

The appointment of Robbie Wheatley is seen as a first step in the justification of the faith placed in the Amateur Soccer Federation executive by the Associations."

"Over the next few months, many more exciting and innovative activities will be seen throughout the State as further proof that the direction taken by these progressive members was the right one," Bucello concluded.

FA Cup final on ABC-TV

MAY'S English FA Cup final will be shown on ABC-TV — not on the Nine Network as in previous years.

The ABC stepped into the breach when Channel 9 lost the rights to screen the final.

The ABC will not only show the Wemb-

ley final live in its entirety, but will also screen highlights of the two semi-finals leading up to the final.

Channel 9 claims lack of funds prevented it from picking up its option.

In addition, the ABC will screen the Littlewoods Cup final live from Wembley on April 29.

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Brazilian Boccatto in queue for Socceroo position

BY WALTER PLESS

MARCOS Boccatto, a well credentialled Brazilian coach from Sao Paulo, will be one of the real contenders for the vacant post of Socceroo coach.

His application is in, and he will be pressing for selection ahead of local identities, Eddie Thomson and Berti Mariani.

But Boccatto is just one of the overseas hopefuls.

Included also is cagey former Melbourne City JUST coach and Yugoslav idol Drago Sekularac, currently at Red Star.

Also pressing for selection is John Adshead, the ex-New Zealand coach who has twice had the drop on Australia, with more aspirants to come.

Turning to Boccatto, 35, he is a physical education graduate from the Guarulhos Physical Education and Sportive Techniques Integrated University in Brazil.

He obtained his coaching qualifications under Rubens Minelli and Carlos Alberto Silva, both Brazilian coaches, and Ladislav Kubala, the former national coach of Spain.

Boccatto is currently the prefectural head coach of the Kagawa Soccer Federation in Japan, a position he has held since 1988.

He has worked in Brazil, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

His contract in the latter nation is about to expire, hence his interest in the Socceroo position.

Boccatto, who speaks Spanish, English and Japanese in addition to his native Portuguese, played for four Brazilian clubs.

They were As de Ouro FC (Amateur League), XXV de Agosto FC (Third Division), National AC (Special League) and Ponta Grossense (First Division).

He was assistant coach at first division club Sao Paulo FC and the head youth team coach of the Sao Paulo City Prefecture in the late 1970s and early 1980s, before moving to Union Deportiva de Curtidores in the Mexican first division.

Sao Paulo finished runner-up in both the first division and the



Boccatto in a beach demonstration to Japanese coaches.

youth league while Boccatto was at the club.

In 1986, Boccatto took over the reins at Saudi Arabian club, Al Hellal, where he won three titles, namely the Saudi Arabian Cup, the Saudi Federation Cup and the Arabian Gulf Championship of Clubs.

Boccatto then returned to Brazil and served as assistant coach at EC Catanense in the first division, head coach at Marilia AC in the special league, and then head coach at first division



Brazilian coach Marco Boccatto receives a flowerly reception from one of his current employers in Japan.

sion America FC, before taking up an appointment in Japan.

In 1987, he took Marilia AC to the runner-up position in the Sao Paulo Special Cup competition.

Boccatto has coached several leading Brazilian players, including former national team captain, Oscar, Ataliba, the centre-forward of Corinthians, and Careca of Palmeiras.

He has also worked with current Brazilian national team players Ricardo, who plays for Benfica in Portugal, and Mozer, who is with French club,

Boccatto said he was an advocate of 'total football', in which players had great technical ability and were prepared to remain mobile and support team-mates all over the field instead of sticking to their traditional positions and roles.

This is the type of soccer that Brazil was now playing and it was evident that strikers such as Careca were now willing to accept defensive responsibilities when the team lost the ball.

Boccatto, who has only watched the Socceroos on television, said that Australian players seemed to have the best attributes of British and European players, especially speed.

"If this speed can be allied with technique, there is no reason why Australia can't play what I call modern competitive soccer," Boccatto said.

"The problem in having players who only have technique is that you have to change their mentality, so that they are willing to do the other necessary things.

"There is no real problem, it seems to me, with Australian players because they already have the right mentality.

"Their coach needs to work on their technique and that needs to be done day after day, every day."

Boccatto said that his coaching philosophy was based on winning and that was the first value he instilled into any team he coached.

Teaching technique was easy, but instilling a winning mentality was more difficult, he said.

The world was full of nice players who had never won anything, and Brazil, in particular, had many examples of such players.

It was important for a team to have a collective winning mentality, Boccatto said.

If he did succeed in gaining the Socceroo position, Boccatto said he would try and adapt Brazilian methods to Australian conditions and he was confident that, given the Australians' natural qualities, he could make the Socceroos successful.

Apia-Olympic decider at tiny Lambert Park

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

THE picture at the top of the Quit National Soccer League became a little clearer last week with all but Sydney Olympic of the leading six picking up points.

At the other end, while Sunshine continued to plummet towards the relegation zone, St George did themselves a huge favour with a 6-0 rout of Wollongong at Brandon Park.

Saints coach Frank Arok, free of the major strain of leading the national side, has turned the battling St George around in recent weeks and on Sunday host the out of form Preston.

The Melbourne club that promised so much at the beginning of the season has only one victory in their last six matches and have one of the worst away records in the league with only one win this season.

In addition, Preston has scored only six goals in 10 matches away from Connor Reserve and have never beaten St George in Sydney.

The struggling Saints, spearheaded by Andy Harper and Tony Krstovic, led the Wollongong defence on a merry dance last week, relieving virtually all of the pressure of relegation in the process.

At home and still needing a handful of points to be completely secure, St George should take the points from an unpredictable Preston.

The most outstanding match of Round 23 should be at Lambert Park, where Apia host the desperate Sydney Olympic on Sunday.

Apia swapped places with Olympic last week, and if the glamour Greek club go down this weekend they will almost certainly miss the play-offs.

With a front line containing the likes of Abbas Saad, Alistair Edwards and Marko

Perinovic, Olympic are looking particularly lethal.

However they were outclassed last week against the skilful Adelaide City and at Apia will be allowed no room to move by Manfred Schaefer's men.

Apia are always difficult to toss at home and, despite a spate of injuries, bounced back with a fine 2-1 win at Preston last week to jump back into the Top Five.

Olympic have enjoyed remarkable success at Lambert Park.



Graham Jennings

having won seven out of the 10 clashes.

With the home side keen to pick up at least a point, a draw looks likely.

Blacktown face a difficult away clash when they visit high-flying Adelaide City on Sunday.

Coach Zoran Matic has Adelaide firing on all cylinders, picking up an impressive win at Olympic last week.

At Hindmarsh City have won their last five games, scoring 14 goals and conceding just two.

The Demons, meanwhile, will go into the game with nothing to lose and full of confidence after disposing of Sunshine 3-0 last week.

Coach Tony Henderson celebrated his second victory at the helm by coming on as replacement for Dominic Longo, and will this week be looking for striker Zlatko Arambasic to get

Sunday. It has been six years since the Wolves graced Melita Stadium, and, following their impressive 7-0 defeat of Adelaide Hellas, went down amazingly 6-0 to struggling St George last week.

The Wolves will be without suspended Randell Easthorpe and injured Ray Vlietstra (broken leg) for the clash with the Eagles, and, although they have provided a glut of goals in recent weeks, Melita should be too strong for David Ratcliffe's side on Sunday.

South Melbourne, unbeaten in their last six matches, are at home to the desperate Adelaide Hellas on Sunday.

Adelaide picked up a valuable point at home to Melita last week, and will come to

Melbourne fighting grimly for at the very least a point.

A big crowd once again should attend for another Greek Derby, and undoubtedly Souths will be keen to continue on their winning way to stay in contention for a place in the top three.

New signing Lee Sterrey will be missing for the visitors due to suspension, and with such quality players as Paul Wade, Mike Petersen and Paul Trimble, South Melbourne, still unbeaten at home, should have too many big guns.

In what is sure to be a fast and furious encounter Melbourne Croatia should down sister club Sydney Croatia at Edensor Park but a draw is not an impossibility.

Table-topping Marconi travel to Skinner Reserve to take on the faltering Sunshine this weekend.

Sunshine must get their act together against the defending champions after suffering three consecutive defeats.

Marconi took advantage of the draw between title aspirants South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia to go back to the top with a gutsy performance against Sydney Croatia.

Both Senad Glavovic and Jean Paul de Marigny should return from suspension for the Fairfield side.

Although Ian Gray will still be out through injury, Tom McCulloch made a welcome return in the match with Sydney Croatia.

Although Georgie will enjoy home ground advantage they have not scored for three weeks, and the Marconi machine should roll through Melbourne and take the two points.

Vrzina expects large crowd

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY Croatia coach Tony Vrzina is more than looking forward to Sunday's big derby with Melbourne Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre.

"We expect a big crowd on Sunday as our supporters know that Melbourne Croatia is a title contender and play very attractive football."

"Unfortunately, we will have our centre-back Alan Hunter out suspended after he was booked in the first half against Marconi last Sunday."

With Hunter out Sydney Croatia is expected to bring in teenage defender Tony Popovic.

Vrzina also will start the match with striker Manis Lamond plus right side midfielder, Pedro Ricoy.

Last Sunday Lamond came on at half-time to replace the injured Hunter and Ricoy was completely dropped for the Marconi clash.

"I want to give youngsters a chance, now that we are no longer contenders for the Top Five series."

"I am looking to re-

building for next season and also preparing for our end of season trip to Croatia."

"I also want to have a good look again at some of the Melbourne Croatia players as I will be asking two or three of them to come and guest-play with us in Europe."

"Since taking over Sydney Croatia this season, we have lost only two matches out of 11, and now is the time to be looking to build up our squad for next season by giving some of the youngsters a go," added Vrzina.



Not a tribal war dance, but midfield action between Marconi and Sydney Croatia last Sunday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	22	12	6	4	42	21	30
Melbourne Croatia	22	12	5	5	43	23	29
Adelaide City	22	11	7	4	34	20	29
South Melbourne	22	12	5	5	33	20	29
Apia Leichhardt	22	10	8	4	30	19	28
Sydney Olympic	22	11	4	7	34	21	26
Sydney Croatia	22	0	5	9	31	33	21
Melita Eagles	22	8	5	9	21	24	21
Preston	22	8	4	10	26	27	20
Wollongong	22	7	4	11	26	40	18
St George	22	5	7	10	28	34	17
Sunshine	22	6	4	12	23	40	16
Adelaide Hellas	22	5	3	14	20	50	13
Blacktown City	22	4	3	15	25	44	11

Results

BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (R. Maier, J. Gibson, Z. Arambasic) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 331.
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 ADELAIDE CITY 1 (S. Melia) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3407.
 MARCONI 2 (T. McCulloch, P. Okon) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 6752.
 WOLLONGONG CITY 0 ST GEORGE 6 (A. Harper 3, T. Krslovic 2, El Ali) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 1300.
 PRESTON 1 (A. Zinni) APIA LEICHARDT (A. Bundalo, N. Theodorakopoulos) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.
 ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (B. Wright, S. Politis) MELITA EAGLES 2 (M. Soper, A. Genc) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3000.
 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (B. Milosevic) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (A. Davidson o.g.) at Somers Street. Crowd: 10,106.

Crowds

ROUND 22: 26,896
 AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,842
 TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 461,020

Top Scorers

Greg Brown	(Melita Eagles)	12
Abbas Saad	(Sydney Olympic)	11
Tony Krslovic	(St George)	11
Zlatko Nastevski	(Marconi)	11
David Seal	(Sydney Croatia)	11
Rod Brown	(APIA)	10
Peter Tsolakis	(South Melbourne)	10

Team of Round 22

B. Cattin (Marconi)
 D. Healy (St Melbourne)
 P. Donnelly (Melb Croatia)
 M. Durakovic (St Melbourne)
 B. Halliday (Apia)
 B. Milosevic (Melb Croatia)
 D. Harper (St George)
 T. Krslovic (St George)
 J. Mullen (Ad City)
 J. Maxwell (Ad City)
 G. Brown (Melita Eagles)

Player of Round 22

David Harper (St George)

Apia back in contention

BY JOHN MANGAN

APIA leapt back into the QNSL Top Five with a disciplined 2-1 away win against Preston Makedonia at Connor Reserve in blistering heat on Sunday.

Even though Apia scored twice, the game leaves a question mark over the team's ability to score goals — which will be crucial if the team harbours genuine championship aspirations.

Apia boss Manfred Schaefer was reserved in his praises after the game, saying that some players did not perform as well as they had done against Marconi last week.

Despite the alternative attraction of the big game between Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne Hellas at Somers St, and the fact that Makedonia have little left to play for at this stage of the season, 2000 Preston fans braved the heat to cheer their team on.

They were stunned in the fourth minute when, in Apia's first serious attack Jason van Blerk set up Alex Bundalo who slammed the ball past Preston keeper Phil Traianedes to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

Apia appeared content to sit on their lead from thereon, but a lacklustre performance by the home team's midfield, not helped by the hard, bumpy pitch, meant Preston failed to take a real grip on the game.

It was not a question of commitment. The team battled hard all day, but their attacks were constantly thwarted by Andy Stankovic and Bruce Halliday in the heart of the Apia defence.

But Preston's effort was rewarded one minute before half-time when the team was awarded a free-kick just outside the penalty area.

Fullback Robert Runje floated the kick across the box to Robbie Markovac who flicked it on to the far post where Andrew Zinni was lurking to drive the equaliser home.

As the second half progressed the lightning-fast Zinni looked dangerous for the home side while Apia striker Darren Stewart and van Blerk on the left caused problems for the Makedonia defence.

Apia's killer-blows came in the 79th minute when substitute Nick Theodorakopoulos took advantage of confusion in Preston's defence and



Wollongong striker Randell Easthorpe (left) goes up for a high ball with Saints' defender Mike O'Shea last Sunday. Easthorpe was sent off just before half-time and the Wolves lost 6-0. Photo courtesy ILLAWARRA MERCURY.



fired the ball past Traianedes to make it 2-1.

PRESTON: Traianedes 6, Runje 6, Jolevski 7, Jackson 6, Tasevski 6, Woodall 6, Petrov 6, Markovac J. 5 (Emsovski 87m), Markovac R. 6, Metaxas 5 (Stilicic 5), Zinni 6.

APIA LEICHARDT: Pezzano 6, Brown (Theodorakopoulos 66m), Jennings 6, Stankovic 7, Halliday 7, Clinch 6, McQuarrie 6, Murray 6, Stewart 6, Bundalo 6, van Blerk 7.

SCORERS: Zinni 44m for Preston; Bundalo 4m, Theodorakopoulos 79m for Apia.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas 7.

CROWD: about 2000.

What a difference a week makes!

BY LEN CHAFER

FULLBACK Ray Vlietstra suffered a third minute broken leg and striker Randell Easthorpe received his marching orders before half-time as Wollongong City were trounced 6-0 by St George at Brandon Park last Sunday.

After beating West Adelaide 7-0 a week earlier, the Wolves collapsed in a heap against a Saints side which played simple, effective football in the second half.

Ironically, Wollongong scored their first goal against West Adelaide after three minutes but tragedy struck at the same stage last weekend.

St George striker Tony Krslovic won a race for the ball with Vlietstra but the Wollongong player fell awkwardly and lay motionless.

After Krslovic eluded goalkeeper George Bouhoussos and placed the ball in the net, Vlietstra was carried off.

When Easthorpe was sent off, the effervescent Pat Brodnik became isolated and his only real chance came in the 70th minute when he found himself in a one-on-one situation with Saints' John Filan but hesitation allowed the keeper to take the ball.

Wollongong's woes really started nine minutes after the interval when Krslovic and Osvaldo El-Ali set up Andy Harper for the



TONY KRSLOVIC

first of his three goals. Three minutes later it was Krslovic laying on the final pass to Harper and he made no mistake from close range.

Harper, who continually caused problems to Wollongong's threadbare defence, made it 4-0 in the 70th minute after Bouhoussos failed to get onto the end of a back pass from Wolves' coach David Ratcliffe.

Krslovic and El-Ali scored within a minute near the end to complete the rout.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoussos 6, Skeen 5, Murphy 5, Ratcliffe 5, Vlietstra (Kotaminidis 3m 5, Lloyd 71m), Morlando 5, McFadden 6, Hriatovski 5, Easthorpe (sent off), Brodnik 5, Crainic 5.

ST GEORGE: Filan 7, Green 7, Dean 6, Moffitt 7, Koczka 7, O'Shea 8, Harper 8, Krslovic 8, El Ali 6, Ilie 6, Knight 7.

SCORERS: Krslovic 3 & 89m, Harper 54, 58 & 73m, El Ali 7m for St George.

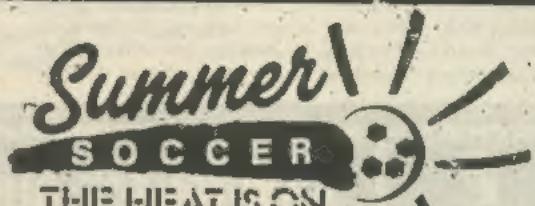
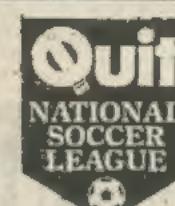
RED CARD: Easthorpe 79m for Wollongong.

YELLOW CARDS: Hriatovski 79m for Wollongong; Dean 45m for St George.

REFEREE: G. Power 6.

CROWD: 1300.

Weekend fixtures



* Check daily newspapers for possible changes to kickoff times

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE GAMES

ROUND 23

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

ADELAIDE CITY v BLACKTOWN CITY
 MELITA EAGLES v WOLLONGONG CITY
 ST GEORGE v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
 SOUTH MELBOURNE v ADELAIDE HELLAS
 SYDNEY CROATIA v MELB CROATIA
 SUNSHINE GC v MARCONI
 APIA LEICHARDT v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm
 Melita Stadium 3pm
 St George Stadium 3pm
 Middle Park 3pm
 Croatian Sports Centre 3pm
 Skinner Reserve 3pm
 Lambert Park 3pm

Melbourne summit ends in 1-1 draw

BY GREG BLAKE

IT must be said from the outset that should South Melbourne Hellas take last Sunday's form into the finals it will be hard pressed to make the slightest impression.

Hellas couldn't play as poorly again and get off the hook, just as Melbourne Croatia couldn't dominate to the degree it did on Sunday at Somers Street without going on a goalscoring rampage.

The stats told the story — Croatia 32 attempts on goal and eight corners, compared to Hellas' meagre totals of 12 and three.

But just as the final 1-1 result doesn't tell the full story of the match-up between the Melbourne heavyweights, neither do the statistics.

A new record Somers Street attendance saw Hellas, matching the intense heat with equal amounts of blistering pace and energy, get off to a dream start.

With all the aggression it could muster, Hellas tore holes in the shell-shocked Croatia defence in the opening moments and took the lead just two minutes in as David Healy's free kick was met by a Paul Wade header which glanced off Alan Davidson's head and past David Miller.

Croatia was clearly on the ropes and buckling when Peter Tsolakis shot into the side netting shortly afterward at the end of a move started by the bustling and aggressive Kimon Taliadoros.

Had Hellas built on

its start it might have blown the home side away but instead Croatia, which started by chipping away at the deficit, gained confidence and ended the half like a beast unleashed.

Branko Milosevic, clearly best on ground, was starting to enjoy the room allowed him in the middle of the park and fittingly it was he who scored the equaliser six minutes from half-time.

It was third time lucky for the potent midfielder, having had one scorching left-footer palmed away by Bruce McLaren early on and a second long-distance attempt slamming against the wood-work.

This time there was no mistake as he made and scored the crucial goal by first winning the ball in midfield and powering to the edge of the penalty area before slipping the pass to Zeljko Adzic on his right.

Adzic took the ball to the byline and his cut-back eluded two Hellas defenders and allowed Milosevic in to slam home from close range.

Ivan Kelic, Adzic, Francis Awaritefe and Andrew Marth, who sent closest with a shot cleared off the line by Steve Blair, all came close to giving Croatia a deserved lead after half time against a desperately ponderous Hellas team which, to its credit, at least showed a little fight in the final 20 minutes.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 6, Marth 7, Donnelly 8, Davidson 7, Hannah 7, Milosevic 8, Adzic 7, Taliadoros 6, Markovski 5 (Caleta 78m), Awaritefe 6, Kelic 5.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren 7, Healy 8, Postecoglou 7, Djurkovic 8, Blair 7, Wright 6, Petersen 5, Wade 6, Tsolakis 6, Taliadoros 6 (Palatsides 83m), Trimboli 5.

SCORERS: Milosevic 39m

for Melbourne Croatia;

Davidson own goal 3m for

South Melbourne.

YELLOW CARDS: Donnelly

46m, Awaritefe 77m for Mel-

bourne Croatia.

REFEREE: J. Santa Isabel

8.

CROWD: 10,186.

Brave Hellas force a 2-2 draw

BY ALAN CLARK



Marconi's Vince Colagiuri does battle with Sydney Croatia's Mike Grbavski last Sunday
— HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

son in the QNSL, sent a gem of a ball on to Len Vial who hit the bar with a neat shot.

Marshall Soper followed up to head home.

Billy 'The Kid' Wright, though fired Hellas level just four minutes later with a solo goal that led him into him turning on a display of clowning for the rest of the game.

Young Steve Politis, one of Hellas' quiet improvers, shot the home side ahead in 55 minutes with a crisply taken goal from the edge of the box.

But, when it looked like Hellas had a tight grip on the survival life-line, an Aytec Genc shot took a wicked deflection off Alby Kidd and flew past startled Robbie Parks making his comeback in goal.

Greg Brown, perhaps the best striker this sea-

Lethargic display puts Olympic out of Top Five

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A SUPER-SMOOTH, technical Adelaide City had little trouble in defeating a lethargic Sydney Olympic 1-0 at the St George Stadium last Saturday night in front of 3,407 very disappointed supporters.

Despite City's solitary goal, Zoran Matic's side never looked like getting beaten as they hoarded possession

playing percentage football.

City ripped Olympic apart with a delightful one-touch, short-passing game, repeatedly using a moving triangle that had Olympic players chasing shadows.

City's middle line of Adrian Santrac, Sergio Melita, Joe Mullen and Aurelio Vidmar operated like a well-oiled machine.

In contrast, Olympic's midfield was chaotic as Andrew Bernal, Robbie Ironside, Eric Hristodoulou and Scott Ollerenshaw were constantly beaten by their opponents' superb technical soccer.

In the 12th minute, the Stadium exploded into an uproar as Olympic fans in unison appealed for a hand-ball but referee Jim Reeves ignored the fracas, ruling that Steve Georgakis' cross had hit Adcity sweeper Milan Ivanovic on the chest and the ball deflected onto his outstretched left arm.

Ten minutes after this incident, City scored a most deserved goal which ultimately proved the match winner.

Skipper Sergio Melita broke into the clear on the right to latch onto a nice flat ball to drive a low 10 metre shot just inside Olympic's left post.

Nine minutes from halftime Adcity almost scored again as striker Carl Veart headed past goalkeeper Clint Gosling but Olympic's captain and sweeper Robbie Hooker came from nowhere to clear the danger with a spectacular overhead bicycle



JOE MULLEN

kick centimetres from the line.

Second before half-time, Olympic's Davie Barrett collected a loose ball 30 metres out to hammer first-time a rocketing drive that skimmed Adcity's crossbar.

Sydney Olympic threatened just two minutes after the break with no fewer than four successive shots from close-range that rained in on Adelaide goalie Robert Zabica, who blocked off the first three but the last, a point-blank drive from just two metres out by striker Marko Perinovic unbelievably went wide of the target.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 7, Barrett 7, Plataniotis 5, Hooker 7, Georgakis 5, Bernal 6, Ironside 6, Phillips 80m, Hristodoulou 5, Ollerenshaw 5 (Lee 68m), Saad 5, Perinovic 5.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 7, Tobin 6, Flounders 6, Ivanovich 7, T. Vidmar 7, Santrac 7, Melita 8, Mullen 7, A. Vidmar 7, Maxwell 7, Veart 7.

SCORER: Melita for Adcity 22m.

YELLOW CARDS: Perinovic 42m for Sydney Olympic.

REFEREE: J. Reeves 8.

CROWD: 3,407.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — MARCH 28, 1990

Marconi back on top

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

LIKE the true champions they undoubtedly are, Marconi shrugged off the frustrations of three successive defeats with a solid 2-0 victory over Sydney Croatia in the big Fairfield derby in front of nearly 7000 fans at Bossley Park on Sunday to go surging back to the top of the competition table.

Midfielder Vince Colagiuri turned on an inspired first half performance in a bright opening, putting his header just wide after 10 minutes, then narrowly missing the target with a low angled drive seconds later.

When Marconi took an early lead in the 12th minute, Colagiuri again played a significant role by sending young Paul Okon behind the Croatia defence before his cross was deflected off Mark Babic for Tommy McCulloch to follow up and clip over keeper Tony Franken.

Croatia were finding great difficulty in creating anything positive from the midfield,



Croatia's Alan Hunter wins this duel for possession from Marconi's David Lowe, but the champions won 2-0 — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

nevertheless they went close on several occasions by utilising the speed of Zeljko Jurin on the flanks with long balls out of defence.

Socceroo striker Graham Arnold should have levelled in the 24th minute after defender Matteo Colucci misjudged an Ante Rumora forward pass, leaving Arnold in a one on one with keeper Bob Catlin but lifted his attempt way over the bar.

David Seal lost another good opportunity seven minutes later after Catlin did well to get a hand to a Jurin low drive and the ball fell to Seal but his hesitation allowed sweeper Robbie Wheatley to appear out of nowhere and clear the danger.

But Croatia's best chance of the game fell to substitute Manis Lamond in the 65th minute after his dazzling solo run took him past

two defenders as well as Catlin, only to waste his brilliant work by shooting wide.

Marconi's relief at hanging on to their slim lead turned to jubilation seven minutes later when Okon played a decisive one-two with McCulloch which allowed him to break through, and the youngster showed all the composure of a veteran by taking the ball around Franken and calmly tap into an empty net.

An excellent performance by Victorian referee Chris Bambridge should also not go without some mention as on his display, he is without doubt head and shoulders above anybody else in the country.

MARCONI: Catlin 8, van Egmond 6, Colucci 6, Calderan 7, Wheatley 8, Okon 7, McCulloch 7, Colagiuri 7, de Jong 6 (Gomez 80m), Katholos 7, Lowe 7.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 7, Babic 6, Grbevski 6, Hunter 5 (Lamond 6) Jones 7, Kupresak 6, Rumora 6, Golicic 5 (Batten 80m), Arnold 6, Seal 6, Jurin 6.

SCORERS: McCulloch 12m, Okon 72m for Marconi.

YELLOW CARDS: Hunter 3m, Jurin 45m for Croatia.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge 8.

CROWD: 6752.

Rare win for Demons

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



however, and took a deserved lead from a Ralph Maier penalty in the 29th minute after midfielder Kevin Muscat handled a Lawrie McKenna goalbound shot on the line.

They went further ahead seven minutes later with the best goal of the game following good lead-up work from Paul Carter and Gunning.

Striker Zlatko Arambasic chested down Carter's well flighted cross into the path of John Gibson for the youngster to let go with a left foot rocket from 20 metres which simply flew into the top corner.

Arambasic himself got the third just before the break, firing home a Gunning shot which went across the face of goal with a vicious first time volley from an acute angle.

Facing almost certain defeat, Sunshine had to throw caution to the wind in the second half, forcing Blacktown keeper Steve Mautone to pull off a series of difficult saves to keep them scoreless.

Blacktown continued to press forward, Striker Paul Foster replaced Wayne Attard

at half-time after being refused permission to start the match by referee Bill Monteverde because of a plaster cast on his left wrist.

Foster removed the cast during the break in an effort to get his side back in the game but his presence failed to make any impact on the final outcome.

BLACKTOWN: Mautone 7, Carter 7, Longo 6 (Henderson 75m), Yankos 7, Maier 6, Northam 5, Gibson 7, McKinna 7 (Ferguson 55m), Odzakov 6, Arambasic 8, Gunning 6.

SUNSHINE: Keogh 6, Katsikidis 5, Roodhouse 5, Waddell 5, Parton 6, Muscat 5, Kindtner 6, Fabrizio 5, Attard 4 (P. Foster 45m, 6), Tapal 7, Hesler 6.

SCORERS: Maier pen. 29m, Gibson 36m, Arambasic 43m for Blacktown.

YELLOW CARDS: Muscat 28m, Parton 66m for Sunshine; Ferguson 75m for Blacktown.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde

CROWD: 331.

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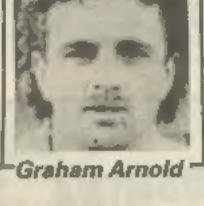
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MATCH RESULTS

ENGLISH DIVISION 1		COVENTRY	CHARLTON	1	1-2
LUTON	MILLWALL	2	2-1		
Q.P.R.	NOTTINGHAM F.	3	2-0		
WIMBLEDON	SHEFF. WED.	4	1-1		
BOURNEMOUTH	WATFORD	5	0-0		
LEICESTER	PLYMOUTH	6	1-1*		
OLDHAM	HULL	7	3-2		
PORT VALE	WOLVES	8	3-1		
SHEFF. UTD.	BARNESLEY	9	1-2		
SUNDERLAND	WEST HAM	10	4-3		
WEST BROM.	STOKE	11	1-1*		
BIRMINGHAM	CHESTER	12	0-0		
BLACKPOOL	NORTHAMPTON	13	1-0		
BOLTON	BRENTFORD	14	0-1		
CREWE	PRESTON	15	1-0		
FULHAM	READING	16	1-2		
LEYTON O.	ROTHERHAM	17	1-1*		
MANSFIELD	TRANMERE	18	1-0		
NOTTS C.	BRISTOL C.	19	0-0		
SHREWSBURY	WALSALL	20	2-0		
WIGAN A.	HUDDERSFIELD	21	1-2		
ALDERSHOT	YORK	22	2-2*		
EXETER	ROCHDALE	23	5-0		
GILLINGHAM	GRIMSBY	24	1-2		
HALIFAX	CHESTERFIELD	25	1-1*		
HARTELEPOOL	TORQUAY	26	1-1*		
PETERBORO	BURNLEY	27	4-2		
SCARBORO	HEREFORD	28	0-1		
SCUNTHORPE	CARLISLE	29	2-3		
WREXHAM	COLCHESTER	30	3-2		
DARLINGTON	MERTHYR T.	31	0-0		
ENFIELD	NORTHWICH	32	2-0		
KETTERING	BARROW	33	2-0		
STAFFORD	KIOMINSTER	34	0-1		
SUTTON UTD.	ALTRINCHAM	35	2-1		
TELFORD	BARNET	36	1-3		
WELLING UTD.	CHEL滕HAM	37	1-1*		
WYCOMBE	CHORLEY	38	4-0		

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MAN. UTD.	COVENTRY	3		
MILLWALL	CRYSTAL P.	4		
NORWICH	LUTON	5		
NOTTINGHAM F.	WIMBLEDON	6		
SHEFF. WED.	TOTTENHAM	7		
BARNESLEY	OXFORD UTD.	8		
BRADFORD C.	SUNDERLAND	9		
HULL	WEST BROM.	10		
MIDDLESBRO	OLDHAM	11		
NEWCASTLE	BRIGHTON	12		
PLYMOUTH	IPSWICH	13		
PORTSMOUTH	BOURNEMOUTH	14		
STOKE	SHEFF. UTD.	15		
SWINDON	LEICESTER	16		
WATFORD	BLACKBURN	17		
WEST HAM	PORT VALE	18		
WOLVES	LEEDS	19		
BRENTFORD	SHREWSBURY	20		
BRISTOL C.	MANSFIELD	21		
BURY	FULHAM	22		
CARDIFF	BLACKPOOL	23		
CHESTER	BOLTON	24		
HUDDERSFIELD	BIRMINGHAM	25		
NORTHAMPTON	BRISTOL R.	26		
PRESTON	NOTTS C.	27		
READING	LEYTON O.	28		
ROTHERHAM	CREWE	29		
WALSALL	WIGAN A.	30		
BURNLEY	DONCASTER	31		
CARLISLE	SCARBORO	32		
CHESTERFIELD	GILLINGHAM	33		
COLCHESTER	SCUNTHORPE	34		
GRIMSBY	LINCOLN	35		
HEREFORD	EXETER	36		
MAIDSTONE	SOUTHEND	37		
ROCHDALE	HALIFAX	38		
RESERVE MATCHES				
TORQUAY	ALDERSHOT	39		
YORK	HARTELEPOOL	40		
BANGOR	COLNE DYN.	41		
FLEETWOOD	HYDE	42		
FRICKLEY A.	MATLOCK	43		
GAINSBORO	S. LIVERPOOL	44		
DUNDEE	ABERDEEN	45		
HIBERNIAN	HEARTS	47		
ST. MIRREN	MOTHERWELL	48		
ALBION R.	MEADOWBANK	49		
DUNFERMLINE	DUNDEE U.	46		
HIBERNIAN	HEARTS	47		
ST. MIRREN	MOTHERWELL	48		
ALLOA	HAMILTON	50		
FALKIRK	MORTON	51		
FORFAR	CLYDE	52		
PARTICK	CLYDEBANK	53		
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PART 2

Apprentices at St George

BY KEITH GILMOUR



Richard Alagich is seen here with friends and trophies won by the famous Dinamo Zagreb club. To Alagich's left is Mirko Bazic, their senior coaching director. To his right is former Dinamo winger, Zdenko Kobesak, now a highly trained coaching specialist.

THE St George apprenticeship scheme master-minded by Frank Arok and Richard Alagich calls for the youth players to undergo a battery of 10 tests each month.

In fact their abilities will be judged against those of higher level European footballers.

The areas of expertise in which they are tested include speed, explosive power co-ordinated with ballwork and endurance.

Combine such elements with the technical and tactical program available and Alagich contends that "the Green and Gold will have a flow of players as well as St George."

Health control will be a vital element of proceedings.

And each month every apprentice will receive a report covering progress to date, as well as including the next targets to be met.

The players and their parents will see in just what areas there is under-performance.

There will be individual corrective sessions where the players can work to polish up and meet their targets.

The first group of players began their training in November, and in attendance, enthusiasm and work rate they have proved to be a credit to themselves and their parents.

Enormous sacrifices are involved, as the parents have to deliver their offspring to the training ground at 6.30am.

There is certainly a heavy price for success.

Frank Arok and Richard Alagich have now completed laying down 75% of the program that is designed to bring boys of nine years of age through in steps to senior football.

Richard Alagich is looking forward to the day when the Socceros will feature a locally born coach, handling an entirely Australian born side.

He hopes to see the National Director of Coaching conducting seminars each year complete with leading world coaches.

This will be in addition to the sessions conducted by FIFA instructors for State Directors of Coaching and the cream of Australian coaches.

Leading Australian coaches would then be privy to the latest available research and tactical patterns.

The structured technical and tactical program covers the groupings of 9/10 years, 11/12 years, 13/14 years and 15/16 years.

Elements are introduced at each level to work in with their expected rate of progress.

For example, the under 9 boys are left entirely free from pressure, and there is a slight build up each year from there on.

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Denis Law knew when to quit

WALTER PLESS REPORTS



Denis Law on his recent visit to Australia.

DENIS Law, 49, the former Manchester United and Scotland star, has been described as the quintessential Scot.

After meeting the man, who is Danny Kaye's look-alike, I can vouch for the accuracy of that description.

Looking healthy and relaxed, and as lean as in his playing days, Law displayed an infectious sense of humour combined with a deep knowledge of the game.

Shrewdness and common sense were also evident.

Law had obviously known when to quit as a player — while he was still on top.

He was very reticent in regard to Manchester United's current plight and the prospects of the club's manager, Alex Ferguson.

Law was canny, played his cards close to his chest, and was only too ready to admit he didn't have all the answers.

Tact is definitely one of his virtues.

It was quite awe-inspiring to stand next to the blond bombshell who had terrorised defences for something like 15 years, and whose parting salute was the goal for Manchester City that sent Manchester United down to the Second Division.

Law won 55 international caps for Scotland, the last coming in 1974 against Zaire at the World Cup finals in West Germany.

He began his career with Huddersfield Town, moved to Manchester City, then to Torino in Italy, where he barely lasted a season.

Law loved the training in Italy, but he couldn't tolerate the stifling tactics in the actual games.

In July, 1962, Sir Matt Busby brought him to Manchester United for a fee of \$235,000.

It was at United that Law became one of the most renowned players in the world, and one of the most feared strikers.

He was said to have the reflexes of a mongoose, the ability to strike like a cobra, and his uncanny ability to adjust before striking the ball gave him goals galore.

In the marvellous television history of Scottish football, entitled "Only A Game?", William McIlvanney says of him: "He was like a good hit man."

"He could wait for as long as it took for his moment to arrive."

"He had vision, he had the ability to time his running perfectly, and he knew where to be when the play was

away from him.

"Denis Law said his game depended on his ability to live off scraps, but from such scraps he provided a feast of goals for his fans."

The football correspondent for The Observer, Hugh McIlvanney, described Law thus: "You'd see five boots flailing at the ball and then that blond head would come in and that would be it."

Bill Shankly, one of the greatest names in the game, described the 15-year-old Law as "... like a little whippet, and when he got the hare he shook it as well, and that's how he played football."

"He played to win, he had eyes in the back of his head. He had guts, ability and determination. He had the lot."

Tremendous praise from one of the shrewdest judges of players.

Jimmy Murphy, Busby's assistant at United, had supreme confidence in Law as a goalscorer.

"If you had to send a man out to score a goal to save your life, there's only one man you'd send out."

"You'd send the Law man", he is reported to have said.

Given these accolades, I was tremendously impressed by Law's humility and unpretentiousness.

He is involved in the game these days as a television and radio commentator and would not go to games otherwise, having been away from home so often during his playing days.

Public relations work for various companies in Manchester also keeps him very busy.

"To be perfectly honest, if I'm not involved in some capacity, I quite enjoy spending my spare time at home," Law said.

"When I played, we were away quite a lot and you miss a great deal. I don't think football today is as good as it was in our days and,

therefore, if I'm not working, there's not a great deal to pull me out to watch a game."

Advice

Law's message to young Australian players aspiring to reach the top was to work extremely hard, even if they were very talented.

"You've got to appreciate the talent you've got, but there's still a lot of hard work that needs to be done. If a player is prepared to work hard, the rewards are there," Law said.

The highlights of Law's career were playing with the talented Manchester United team of the 1960s and representing his country, while his biggest disappointment was missing the 1968 European Cup final win over Benfica.

He was in hospital at the time after a cartilage operation.

It was a bitter blow for Law, the European Footballer of the Year in 1964, because the win was the culmination of Busby's dream, which had been shattered in 1958 when half his team died in the Munich air crash.

Asked to name the best goal he had ever scored, Law replied with a cheeky smile: "There's no danger in that — any goal I scored against England".

Law rated Bryan Robson and John Barnes as the best players in Britain at the moment and lamented the dearth of world-class players in the country.

He believes that one of four teams — Italy, Argentina, Brazil and Holland — will win this year's World Cup, while Scotland will progress to the second phase of the tournament but no further.

Severe gaol sentences for soccer hooligans may help solve the problem of soccer violence, according to Law, and all-seat sta-

nal that he was, he is unlikely to have had any sleepless nights about that goal.

He had a job to do, and he did it.

A story involving Leeds United's Billy Bremner illustrates the point.

Law and Bremner were team-mates in the Scotland team but opponents at club level.

After playing together for Scotland, Bremner thought their friendship had been cemented, but in a Leeds versus Manchester United match soon after, Bremner was on the receiving end of a very tough tackle by Law.

Bremner could not believe the ferocity of the charge and reminded Law of their comradeship.

Law's answer was simple and to the point: "We're not friends on the park, son. The only friends I've got are these in the red shirts."

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READERS' LETTERS

Ten's World Cup

I am writing to you to give yet another example of the contempt the game is given in this country.

This time the culprit is the commercial television station Channel 10, who would you believe have decided in their ultimate wisdom(?) to schedule their new programme "Gillette World Cup" at a ludicrous 6.30am every Saturday!

This program is a lead-up to this year's World Cup in Italy, and gives important information on the competing nations and fabulous action of past World Cups.

This timing can be only regarded as a snub to the sport and I urge all fans to write to Channel 10 to put pressure on the powers to be to schedule the show at a more popular time slot.

Luke Sango
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A new NSL

I, like many others, believe the current format of the National League is never going to make

real progress.

The game is run by people who make decisions from the heart rather than by using their minds. Despite their love for soccer, they are the sport's worst enemy.

I would like to see the current NSL teams merged into one or two "Super" teams who could play against the representative teams from WA, SA, Tasmania, Queensland, Nth NSW, ACT and Southern NSW.

For example, all current teams would play in their own state leagues during winter. Then during summer "super" teams would be formed in Sydney and Melbourne by clubs pooling their resources.

The league would also benefit from the intense rivalry that exists between the states across the nation.

An NSL based on a "representative" basis for each state is much more likely to appeal to the general sporting public of Australia than the current set-up.

Bill Manuel
130 Pearson St,
West Brunswick Vic.

Euro Cups hot up

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE stage is set for a fabulous finale in the 1989/90 European Cup competitions.

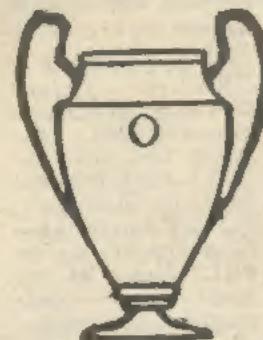
This is the draw for the semi-finals made in Geneva last weekend:

C H A M P I O N S' C U P: AC Milan v Bayern Munich, Olympique Marseille v Benfica.

C U P - W I N N E R S' C U P: AS Monaco v Sampdoria, RSC Anderlecht v Dinamo Bucharest.

UEFA CUP: Juventus Turin v FC Köln, Werder Bremen v Fiorentina.

Milan are at a slight disadvantage by having to play Bayern first in Turin, but it's hard to go past the reigning champions though German sides usually perform well against



by a week and will be played on April 4, with the return matches set down for April 18.

Last Wednesday's quarter-finals second leg results:

C H A M P I O N S' C U P: AC Milan 2 (van Basten, Simone) Mechelen 0; PSV Eindhoven 0 Bayern Munich 1 (Augenthaler); Dnepr 0 Benfica 3 (Limo 2, Ricardo); Marseille 3 (Waddle, Papin, Sauzee) CFKA Sofia 1 (Urkov).

C U P - W I N N E R S' C U P: Monaco 0 Valladolid 0 (Monaco 3-1 penalties); Admira Wacker 1 (Rodax) Anderlecht 1 (Nilis), Grasshopper Zurich 1 (Wyss) Sampdoria 2 (Cerezo, Lombardo); Partizan Belgrade 0 Dinamo Bucharest 2 (Lupescu, Raducioiu).

UEFA CUP: Auxerre 0 Fiorentina 1 (Nappi); Juventus 1 (Galia) Hamburg 2 (Furtok, Merkle); Werder Bremen 0 FC Liege 2 (De Sart, Milosevic); Antwerp 0 FC Köln 0.

YASHIN DEAD AT 60

LEV YASHIN, rated by many as the greatest goalkeeper of all time, died from cancer in Moscow last week.

Yashin, 60, had been ill for some time and had a leg amputated a few years ago.

Born in 1929, Yashin joined Dynamo Moscow — his one and only club — in 1952 and played in the USSR national team from

1955 until 1969.

He won the 1956 soccer gold medal in Melbourne and returned to Australia with Dynamo in the 1970s. He was also in the USSR team which won the 1960 European Championship.

In 1963 he became the first goalkeeper to be named European Footballer of the Year.

The big man will be missed and the world of soccer is in mourning.



Norwich City goalkeeper Bryan Gunn brings down Gary Lineker, incurring the penalty that gave the Spurs striker his hat-trick in a recent English league match.

Top US player to miss Cup

THE USA's best player, Hugo Perez, is likely to miss the World Cup finals after breaking a leg.

Midfielder Perez, who plays for French Second Division side Red Star Paris, broke a fibula after coming on as a second half substitute in the 2-1 victory at Gueugnon.

The El Salvador-born player, who is a naturalised US citizen, says he will have the leg in

plaster for three to six weeks but still has hopes of being fit in time for the finals.

He says it will be up to the US Federation to decide whether he should go to Italy.

The United States have qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time since 1950.

Chinese coach remains

MUCH to general surprise Chinese national coach Gao Fengwen has retained his position, despite a disastrous World Cup qualifying campaign.

JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP



South Koreans plan a big Italian surprise

SOUTH Korea, the first Asian nation to qualify for two successive World Cup finals, hope to spring a major surprise in Italy by squeezing into the second round at the expense of one of the traditional powers of international soccer.

The South Koreans may not be able to match their Group E rivals Belgium, Spain and Uruguay for strength, but hope to with skill and stealth, and in hard working striker Kim Ju-Sung they have a player with the ability to inspire them to unexpected successes.

Dubbed the "Little Sansom" because of his thick shoulder-length hair, Kim was named Asia's most valuable player for 1989 by the International Federation of Football Historians and Statisticians.

Former national team manager Kim Jung-nam said: "His ability to break through a defence is surprising. I think he is a strong candidate to be one of the new world stars to emerge from the World Cup."

Despite the optimism surrounding his squad, team manager Lee Hoe-taik, who took over in December 1988, remains realistic in his appraisal of South Korea's chances in Italy.

"Our squad has a long way to go before it meets the standards of our three opponents in Group E," he said.

"But I believe that any team in the world will find it difficult to beat us easily. Our main target is to get past the first round in Italy by scoring at least a win or two draws."

Lee said his squad would focus on beating Uruguay who he felt had a weaker team than Belgium or Spain.

Lee led the team to six successive wins against Malaysia, Singapore and Nepal on the way to their triumph in the Asian final qualifying tournament in Singapore last October.

There, South Korea showed more co-ordination and flair than any of their rivals as they finished top of the six-team tournament with three wins and two draws.

The United Arab Emirates qualified behind them as runners-up.

"Our team scored 30 goals and conceded only one during a total of 11 qualifying round matches last year. This proves



South Korea's brilliant striker Kim Ju-Sung — "Little Sansom".

that we are undeniably Asia's top soccer power," said an official of the Korea Football Association (KFA).

The South Korean squad is a mixture of seasoned professionals, including striker Choi Soon-ho and veteran captain Chung Young-han who led the side during the 1986 finals in Mexico, and a number of promising youngsters.

Hwang Son-hong, at 21 the youngest player in the squad, has made a name for himself with his turn of speed and sharpness around the penalty area. He scored seven goals in the Asian qualifying matches.

In Mexico, South Korea held Bulgaria to a 1-1 draw but were beaten 3-2 by Italy and 3-1 by Argentina.

This time, with experience to draw on, they hope to do better, particularly with the exciting Kim leading the attack.

South Korea began full training for the finals early in January. They left Seoul on February 1 to take part in an invitational soccer tournament in Malta and planned to go on to tour Iraq, Egypt and Spain.



Dorin Mateut of Romania, winner of the Golden Boot in the recent IFHS world poll with 43 goals.

Kim Wan-shik, deputy manager of KFA's international section, said one of the biggest problems in acclimatising South Koreans to Italy would be the food.

"Our players follow a strict diet and the main concern is that Italian food might be too rich and greasy for them."

"Many of them will probably crave Kimchi even after a full meal."

Kimchi is a traditional Korean dish made from pickled cabbages doused with a spicy hot pepper and garlic sauce.

"The only alternative will be to take along a chef to Italy who can serve at least one Korean meal a day to the players," he said.

ZICO NEW SPORTS MINISTER

BRAZILIAN great Zico became his country's Minister for Sport on March 15.

The 37-year-old was appointed by Brazil's new president Collor de Mello.

Zico, whose real name is Arthur Antunes Coimbra, retired this year after a brilliant career which netted him 729 goals for his only two clubs — Flamengo and Udinese.

The new minister plans sweeping changes in Brazilian sports, including compulsory sports in schools and a restructuring of the country's chaotic sporting federations.

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Battle at Marconi Stadium



FIRST DIVISION

THE successful venture conducted by eleven of the State League First Division clubs concluded at the weekend, with finalists from each group decided for Wednesday's match at Marconi Stadium.

BHP Austral had qualified a week earlier, having established an unbeatable lead over their five rivals in Group A.

Group B was a much closer affair and Canberra Croatia secured their place with an easy 3-0 win over Sydney Macedonia at Deakin Oval.

In Group A, clubs took advantage of the practice status by fielding fringe players attempting to win spots in the squad for the Challenge Cup beginning this weekend.

In Newcastle, BHP Austral utilised some younger players, including two of their Austral Super League stars, 17-year-olds Troy Halpin and Danny Burt.

Both boys showed up well in the higher grade game and coach Willie Gallagher can be pleased that his side remained unbeaten.

After four games out of five at home the team now plays all five of its Challenge Cup matches at Austral Park, and must have a good chance of making that final too.

They will travel to Sydney midweek, as agreed, for the pre-season final, an exercise which will cost them money, but provide further experience for an essentially home-grown side.

On Saturday Robbie Porter scored in the 85th minute to maintain his side's unbeaten record, Warringah having opened their account through Shane Panetta.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROUND-ROBIN

1990 FINAL

TONIGHT WED MARCH 28

at

MARCONI STADIUM

at 7.30pm

BHP AUSTRAL

versus

CANBERRA CROATIA

Don't miss the State League action!

BY PAUL GOODWIN



Canberra Croatia midfielder Stan Dukic

a 17-year-old prospect who has recently returned to the club after trials in Italy.

Panetta and Ruperto played well for the visitors who looked quite useful, while Bobby Naumov was again in good touch for the locals.

The absence through suspension of defender Mike Boogaard did not help the Austral side, but David Jones played particularly well in the second half.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, McWhirter, Jones, Bowen, Tredinnick, Naumov, Bailey (Porter), Burt, Brandy, Elphick (Evans), Halpin.

WARRINGAH: Mikuletic, Glasscock, Etherington, McBreen, Morson, Osciowski, Mesi, Grimes, Ruperto, Banetto.

On Sunday Polonia looked in good touch against Canterbury at Knight Park, but fell behind when Tomas Divljak beat the offside trap and finished well, with a low drive that beat Jenkins in the Polonia goal.

The stylish Polish got back on terms when David Beamer lobbed neatly over the head of Paul Kyprianou, in the Berries goal, just before the break.

Canterbury, who had Bernie Godzik and Nicky Oustambasidis in good form had their hands full with Polonia, but caught Jenkins napping again when Godzik hit a

speculative shot from wide on the right that found its way into the roof of the net, when a cross appeared the likely option.

Richard Lasek brought out the best in Kyprianou with a fiercely struck free kick, but was responsible for conceding one at the other end, bringing down Jim Melissourgos centimetres outside the box after a searching run had taken the player into a scoring position.

POLONIA: Jenkins, G. Thompson, G. Thompson, Robertson, Lasko, Kulwicki, Colusso, Pratt, Beamer, Jenkins, Nowicki.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Kyprianou, Benetiz, Hantzis, Staviski, Kalogerous, Melissourgos, Godzik, Divljak, Radman, Dounis, Oustambasidis (Adimov).

In the final game of the series Avala and North Shore United laid on a lively and even game which saw both defences under considerable pressure.

Wayne Pearce gave United the lead in the 32nd minute with a coolly taken penalty, but former Blacktown City and AIS star Paul Welch found room on the right only two minutes later to bring his side level with a well-hit dipping shot that beat Thornton all ends up.

Craig Bass demonstrated some nimble footwork to dispossess an Avala back in the 38th minute and then beat Angelo Rodic with a lovely shot from 25 metres, but was a joy to watch.

Avala had a chance to equalise soon after the restart when Thornton pushed a cross onto a post and saw the ball scrambled clear by the full back, but second half substitute Peter Vilmikovic did just that in the 62nd when he angled his shot home from the left and set the scene for a grandstand finish.

AVALA: Rodic, Radic, Brockbank, Ashton, Radosavljevic, Nastoski, Vasic, Meades, Ackley, Benitez, Welch (subs Vilmikovic, Athanasi).

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Thornton, Gillian, Gough, Pearce, Crookes, Ferguson, Roldan, Bennett, Norman, Bass, Savidis (subs Mile, McColl, Bennell, Hunter).

Canberra Croatia reach the final

BY GRAHAM COOKE

A blistering second half performance, spearheaded by two goals from Tony Lemezina, pushed Canberra Croatia into the final of the NSW Soccer League pre-season tournament when it beat Sydney Macedonia 3-0 at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

The win came in a dramatic turn-around in form after what Croatia coach Tom Sermanni described as a first half best forgotten.

Just five minutes into the half Lemezina sent a long speculative lob in from the left.

"I saw the goalkeeper was off his line and thought it was the right thing to do," he said afterwards.

He thought right. The ball went right over the head of the stranded Avellino, hit the far post and bounced in to break the deadlock.

Lemezina was in the thick of the scoring action again 12 minutes later, bringing a ball down with his chest in the penalty area and coolly slotting it away despite being under pressure from two defenders.

And he had a hand in the third, his corner finding Joe Gagetti whose shot hit the mark though a busy penalty area.

For Macedonia, big striker Fabian Kadric toiled hard but to little effect, simply not finding the support to pierce a defence which grew in confidence as the game progressed.

Sermanni now has an extra game in which to try his formations, having won through to the final of the tournament against Newcastle tonight.

With little prestige and even less prize-money at stake, the most valuable part of the exercise will be a chance to look at a Newcastle team likely to be Croatia's major championship opportunity when the going finally gets serious.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Junna, Vanzetti, Young, Marcina, Kilecar (Sermanni), Dukic (Pratezina), Zelic, Feis (Lemezina), Sereina, Mazis (Gagetti).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino (Golovdovski), Souris, Cakovsky, Revesley, Bielie, Card (Vretovski), Kotsidis (Liijio), Fernandez, Gilbert, Spirovski, Kajic.

REFEREE: N. Murray.

CROWD: 1077.

INTER Monaro, without a win in the NSW League's pre-season tournament, shattered Wollongong Macedonia's unbeaten record and did near-neighbour Canberra Croatia a big favour with a 1-0 victory at the Marco Polo Ground on Sunday.

Macedonia's loss, coupled with Croatia's 3-0 win over Sydney Macedonia put the ACT side through to the final

\$7,000 Challenge Cup is up for grabs

sign of complacency.

Sutherland and North Shore renew their acquaintance after a year's absence from First Division by the visitors to Seymour Shaw Park, and a keen tussle is anticipated with a point apiece a likely outcome.

Wollongong Macedonia and Sydney Macedonia clash at Brandon Park in a big crowd-pleaser with the home side strongly favoured.

Canberra and Inter-Monaro clash at Deakin Oval in Group A, with the home side

strongly favoured.

Monaro's goal had come as a combination of Njegosh Popovich's persistence and Vic Fernandez's anticipation. Popovich worked the ball to the edge of the area and was dispossessed in a sliding tackle only for Fernandez to slip it past Warwick Young.

Macedonia's Paul Kay, who had earlier received a yellow card, was sent off late in the game for a foul on Bryant.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Arthur, Chicco, Ambrosino, Djordjevic (Alich 64), Grassick (Monteiro 80), Fernarcaz, Danielle (Da Silva 85), Popovich, Janke, Bryant.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Young, Cananah, Shaw, Galway, Cabassi, Kay (sent-off 89), Sandy (Cerro 30, Dimon 61), Bourke, Caban (Bradley 46), Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

NSW ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

GROUP A

BHP Austral 1 Warringah-Freshwater 1, Avala 2 North Shore United 2, Canterbury 2 Polonia 1.

GROUP B

Canberra Croatia 3 Sydney Macedonia 0, Inter-Monaro 1 Wollongong Macedonia 0.

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NSW CHALLENGE CUP

GROUP A

SUNDAY APRIL 1

CANBERRA CROATIA v INTER MONARO

POLONIA v ROCKDALE ILINDEN

WARRINGAH F/WATER v CANTERBURY M'VILLE

Deakin Oval

Chopin Park

Cromer Park

GROUP B

SATURDAY MARCH 31

BHP AUSTRAL v AVALA

Austral Park

SUNDAY APRIL 1

SUTHERLAND v NORTH SHORE

WOLLONGONG MACE v SYDNEY MACEDONIA

Seymour Shaw

Brandon Park

All games 3pm kick-off with U19 Sat 1pm.
Except BHP Austral, on at 2.30pm with U19s at 12.30pm

It's always perpetual motion

at unsettled Preston Makedonia

BY GREG BLAKE

DRAWING a line through the NSL's most successful teams of recent times, it is clear that the common key is consistency and stability on and off the field.

Inconsistent Preston boasts neither quality, and significantly the Connor Reserve club is set to embark on yet another buying and selling spree despite an already remarkable turnover of players in recent years.

Preston, one of the NSL's most spectacular non-performers of recent seasons, is back in the headlines and the news will not shock the ever-growing band of ex-players and coaches of the club who have been cleared in similar circumstances.

Resigned to missing the finals in 1990, Preston's committee last week announced that it is ready to put up all its players for release following another disappointing NSL campaign.

First cabs off the rank were proven goalscorer Steve 'Smudger' Smith and recently signed midfielder Martin Woodall who had rejoined after a spell with State League Northcote City.

Smith and Woodall were sold in a \$16,000 package deal to current State League outfit Brunswick Juventus, although Woodall's move might be blocked by the VSF's single transfer per season ruling.

"Now the year is over for us we are open to offers for all our players," declared secretary Alex Andonovski last week.

The over-reaction to on-field failure which has become synonymous with Preston in recent seasons is set to rear its head again.

The likelihood is that no player is safe — nor is coach Ljube Jancev.

Jancev, Preston's fifth coach in little more than four years, might well be making way for another new man as well.

"We have to sort out the coaching position for next season although Ljube (Jancev) is keen to stay," was the ominous message handed down by club supremo Chris Jankulovski recently.

Jankulovski, by the way, is the club's second president this season.

He stepped in to replace John Branov after a spell of internal bickering ended Branov's short return to the fold earlier this season.

And the problems don't end there.

Young skipper George Petrov, suspended for one game by the club for disputing his being substituted in a match, has also been threatened that he might be stripped of the captaincy.

Players are dissatisfied and have been told nothing — Petrov, one of Preston's best servants over five seasons, learned of his suspension through a Mel-

bourne journalist.

If and when — probably when — Preston sets about yet another "massive rebuilding programme" for 1990/91 it will, in fact, be about the third in five years.

Recall the Graham Heys-Gary Cole sackings of 1986 or the similar sackings of Ron Campbell, John Stewart etc etc not 18 months ago?

Indeed it seems certain that Preston has had the highest turnover of players and coaches of any current QNSL club over the past five years.

Desperation

And surely even they must now see that these massive building programmes are nothing more than desperate and shallow attempts to grab at short-term success and are doomed to failure.

The club has never been geared to setting out a long term rebuilding plan involving selected buying, consistency of coaching and fostering of juniors.

Five coaches have been at Makedonia since 1986, the club has bought in 21 established new signings and, during the same period, sold 23. No other club can rival these numbers.

Greedy fans demanding immediate success and administrators who have bowed to pressure have hampered the club.

It might have been an NSL force as promised in the early years; but it is now just making up the numbers and might be doomed to doing so for many years to come.

The upcoming off-season will more than likely produce more of the same fingers-crossed, miracle cure buying with members already pledging cash for new players.

Sorry folks, I've heard it all before.

Let's look back to season 1985 as Preston, under Billy Murray, is pipped at the post in both the Southern Division grand final and the NSW Cup final.

1986, Murray's second season at the club, is one of consolidation and a mid-table place.

Early in 1987, following the sacking of Heys and '86 top scorer Cole, Murray found himself on the outer and replaced by assistant Ernie Merrick.

Merrick guides the club miraculously up the table to the league runner-up spot.

Without virtually touching the transfer market in the off-season the club expects Merrick to repeat the effort.

And when he doesn't, he too is given the boot — after just eight games of the 1988 season.



GEORGE JOLEVSKI

Ronnie Campbell comes to the rescue as player-coach and he helps guide the club clear of relegation.

His reward is that he, along with five other players, is transferred at season's end and the club goes on a \$100,000 spending binge.

In come the likes of Zinzi, Markovac, Markovski and Spink.

Who, like Woodall, have been bought or sold by the club more than once.

... and a new coach in Andon Donevski.

The new-look team does enough to get into the finals, but an elimination final defeat isn't enough to suggest the best is yet to come, so out goes poor quietly-spoken Donevski.

Long-term to them seems to mean about three weeks."

Like the coaching staff, there have been few playing regulars over the past five seasons — Trajanedes, Roodhouse, Piculovski, Sifkas and Petrov can be classed as the only regular players to have lasted the distance.

Meanwhile, the nightmarish search for success at Connor Reserve is destined to continue through another frantic off-season of dealings on the transfer market.

It is fair to say Preston has disappointed,

but to drop the blame

unfairly at the feet of the players (again) is not on

PLAYERS SOLD BY PRESTON SINCE THE END OF THE 1985 SEASON

Stuart Stevenson
Gordon Flavell
Robbie Dunn
George McMillan
Con Opasinski
Graham Heys
Ian Dobson
Ron Campbell
Zoran Iloski
Gary Cole
Sean Lane
Steve Smith
Mike McLennan
Warren Spink
Martin Woodall
Mile Necovski
Steve Gojevic
Mike Branov
Ilija Taseski
John Markovski
Nick van Egmond
Goce Dimovski



GRAHAM HEYS

PART 2

SLICKERS OR MARCONI?

GREG BLAKE CONCLUDES THE MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY DEBATE

VETERAN Melbourne journalist Laurie Schwab's first reaction to which of the two teams was best was to plump for Marconi.

After a quick glance at his record books Schwab, who recorded the deeds of the once mighty City team for many years, wanted to reverse his decision.

"Sydney City were one of my favourites, they were a great team and there are so many great names I'd just forgotten about down through the years," he admitted.

"City did it over a long period of time and, not only that, they were ahead of their time with their classy brand of soccer.

"Mullen, Boden, Silva, Watson — they had class right through their line-up.

"As does Marconi, but I have no doubt the league standard was higher then.

"Let's reserve judgement on Marconi until they've done it for as long as Sydney City did it.

"Marconi is a club to be reckoned with but time will tell the true story."

Currently Tony Pezzano's Apia team is one of those presenting a threat to Marconi's bid for three titles in succession. Pezzano was just starting to make his mark with Sydney City when it rolled relentlessly to its third title in 1982.

He believes teams of this era are more evenly matched than they might have been back then, but Sydney City would more than hold its own now as it did then.

"Teams were scared to play against us," he says.

"Not physically, just because we had a great will to win."

"We played in front of no-one and we weren't paid half of what Marconi players of that time were getting. It was just the pleasure of playing with a great bunch of lads who got on so well together."

"We played hard and drank hard and the team played for each other."

"As a club there is no comparison — Marconi has got great facilities and a good junior system these days."

"They've got a good bunch of players there too, and if I were a youngster just starting out today I'd do everything I could to get to Marconi."

"These days Marconi does play a beautiful game but we played a

power game and we had wonderfully talented players fully committed to each other."

"That was probably our greatest strength — that we were such great mates off the field and on."

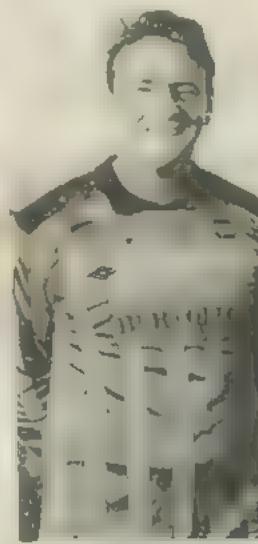
"In the end all 'Thommo' had to say to us was get out there and play. We didn't need to worry about other teams' tactics."

Team spirit

Thomson recalls the team spirit at Sydney City as being "unbelievable".

"I'm a great believer in team spirit and we saw to it that the players spent a lot of social time together."

"If you've got the social side of things together, you've gone a long way towards getting a good football team."



TONY PEZZANO

Thomson, as do most of the experts, believes Marconi's teams of 1988, 1989 and 1990 are evolving into what could be classed as the best ever.

"At this stage it is still Sydney City as my choice," he explained.

"The easiest way for me to compare is that last season with Sydney Olympic we beat Marconi twice, drew with them once and lost in the last minute in the grand final."

"And Sydney Olympic of last year wouldn't have lived with Sydney City in the early '80s."

"Marconi plays very entertaining soccer they knock the ball about well and they're a good side."

"There is nothing to say Marconi won't end up being as dominant as Sydney City but at this stage, if I had to put my life on the line, I'd have no hesitation in saying Sydney City was the best team."

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PLAYERS BOUGHT BY PRESTON SINCE THE END OF THE 1985 SEASON

Stuart Stevenson
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WARREN SPINK

Melbourne Croatia gets it together

By PAUL JOHNSON

CAN Melbourne Croatia go all the way now and win the Qut National League minor premiership and grand final?

Certainly the Melbourne team is capable of winning one of those titles, though it is not assured and is debatable whether they can achieve the double.

I went along to see them play Parramatta Mehta Eagles at Melita Stadium to assess their chances.

Melita have been getting good results lately and they proved a stern test for Melbourne.



FRANCIS AWARITEFE

Croatia

Melita has become very aggressive in style lately and so it would appear has Croatia — though in the case of both teams there seems a dangerous indiscipline in the way they apply aggression.

Consequently, it was always going to be a fiery encounter and so it proved.

Indeed, at times the game resembled a rugby league match, with two



Melbourne Croatia defender

George Hannah

punch ups and the usual unsavoury melee of scuffling players which often accompany such happenings.

Many people today and especially this applies to the young seem to feel that there has to be punch ups and similar controversy and confrontations to make a sporting event exciting.

Stirring

This is not the case.

At the end of last season there was an Ethnic Cup Final in Sydney played in front of a packed house at Garrison Park, Granville.

Some 7,000 saw a tremendously competitive and exciting game of football, packed with skill and played in the true spirit of the game.

The game was drawn and another 7,000 came along for the replay the following week as people will to watch good soccer played with the right attitude.

At half-time in the Melita-Melbourne Croatia game, I bumped into Melita's Sam Vella, a leading figure behind that well run club.

Sam was irate.

"They're trying to stir us up ... they're stirring Soper up."



ANDREW MARTIN

way to becoming the most hated player in Australia.

Top players

If you look at Croatia's playing personnel they do not have as many top players as Marconi.

Up front and in midfield both teams are evenly matched, but Marconi has better defenders.

Contrast Croatia's Miller, Davidson, Marth, Hannah and Donnelly with Marconi's Catlin, Wheatley, Emond, Calderan and de Marigny.

Only Alan Davidson is an international in the Croatia defence whereas everyone of Marconi's five defenders has played for Australia, all of them in recent times.

Strangely, the Croatia defence may be doing a better job than that of Marconi at present, but Bert Mariani should be able to correct that situation.

I have not seen Adelaide City this year, but people say they are a top side.

Of the other contenders Melbourne Croatia and Marconi seem the pick.

Marconi certainly could win the minor premiership and/or the grand final if Mariani can plug his defence and also resolve the playing formation and playing personnel for the rest of



his team, which seems to have puzzled him since the loss of Nushevski.

At this stage last season, Marconi had things well together and it was Melbourne Croatia the new upstart from the South who was trying to pull its act together.

It now seems Croatia is getting it together at the right time — though the image of South Melbourne's Ferenc Puskas is beginning to intrude in Melbourne, while Marconi is known to fear Adelaide City most of all.

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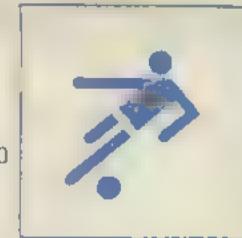
Australian soccer needs some vision. Here's mine — taken from the results page of one of the Sunday papers of 11th March, 2000.

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Results of games played 10th March 2000

League Division 1

Blacktown 2 Toowoomba 2
Geelong United 1 Newcastle United 3
Freemantle 4 Southport 2
Gosford City 1 Liverpool 0
Adelaide Rovers 2 Footscray Athletic 0
Hobart 1 Melbourne United 1
Homebush 0 Perth West 1
Darwin 3 Sydney City 2
Fairfield 4 Preston 0



(attendances)

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16 224
9 406
11 912
15 361
15 827
22 486
8 229
21 362

League Division 2

Melbourne City 0 Wollongong Rangers 0
Bankstown 2 Port Pirie 1
Parramatta United 2 Canberra 1
Sutherland 1 Rockhampton 2
Adelaide City 0 Perth City 3
Brisbane United 5 Campbelltown 2
Penrith Athletic 1 Brisbane City 0
St Kilda 2 Launceston 2
Sunshine 1 Chatswood United 1



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Darwin v Sydney City

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Thursday 10.00 Channel 2 Road to Rio — In Depth Look at Australia's World Cup Qualifying Group — comprising Argentina, Mexico USA

DRAW FOR QUARTER FINALS OF BHP CUP

Homebush v Newcastle United (Homebush Olympic Stadium)
Sydney City v Brisbane United (Sydney Football Stadium)
Blacktown v Perth West (Seven Hills Soccer Stadium)
Freemantle v Melbourne United (West Australia Bowl)
Games to be played 24th March, 2000

COMING UP ...

Prime Minister's XI v Italy
7.30 Wednesday 14th March (Parramatta Stadium)

Australia v Italy
3.00 Saturday 17th March (Commonwealth Stadium, Melbourne)

All NSL games, and Victorian State League and junior games postponed for this day

TRANSFER NEWS

Fairfield manager Ian Rush has agreed to pay \$450,000 for Geelong United's stopper, Taro Yoshida. United's manager, Frank Farina, is said to be interested in Darwin's Hector Lopez

N. Peacock

NSL delinquents — shape up or ship out

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

QUESTION: What does Melbourne Croatia, Preston, Apia Leichhardt, South Melbourne and Sunshine George Cross have in common?

OUR CLUB PLANS TO HAVE LIGHTS INSTALLED WITHIN FIVE YEARS. That was nine years ago and still no floodlights.

South Melbourne. "We support the change." QUOTES

The inaugural summer season is now nearing its conclusion and while attendances have certainly shown an encouraging trend, let's not lose sight of the fact that comparisons are being made against last year's

summer and reaped their rewards with some impressive crowd figures.

Instead of stubbornly refusing to move from their traditional Olympic Sports Field which has no lights, Adelaide City were prepared to share Hindmarsh with Hellas on alternate Sundays and the formula proved to be a huge success.

Wednesday nights should be utilised in addition to Friday, Saturday and Sunday in order to maximise attendances but above all, clubs who are not prepared to install lights at their grounds must be directed to play elsewhere.

Solutions

Let them scream about the financial loss they may suffer, they only have themselves to blame.

Some of them have been in existence long enough to get their house in order and have had plenty of opportunities to do so.

Cries from Melbourne that lack of revenue from poker machines prohibits them from finding the necessary money are all excuses.

Just look at what Melita Eagles have done WITHOUT a licensed club and compare it to Apia, who had the financial backing of their club for many years even though help these days is limited.

If Apia cannot install lights or obtain the use of Leichhardt Oval they can go elsewhere or stage home matches at St George Stadium on Wednesday nights.

Another alternative would be to investigate the possibility of sharing Marconi Stadium.

Melbourne presents a more difficult problem with four clubs having to be accommodated, but if an acceptable solution cannot be found all could share Olympic Park on separate nights.

I just cannot believe that the problem is an insurmountable one. It only requires strong leadership, will and determination.

Enough evidence has been provided this year to indicate that summer soccer is definitely a move in the right direction. It has also given clear warning, however, that its full potential cannot be realised unless EVERY club has the proper facilities for it.

"Homeless" clubs should follow the example of Melita Eagles, who built a super-stadium without the aid of poker machines.

ANSWER: They are the only NSL clubs with home grounds that do not have the necessary floodlights to stage summer night matches.

CONCLUSION: At the risk of committing heresy and sending their officials and supporters into a fit of rage, I suggest that they are not properly equipped to participate in the National League and unless they are prepared to change venues, should be firmly told to shape up or ship out.

I know full well that such action against some of the league's biggest clubs would be quite drastic, and I also suspect that they possess enough political muscle not to let it happen, but that does not turn wrong into right.

When a change to summer soccer was first mooted way back in 1981, every club was made aware of the necessity to either install floodlights or find alternative venues which have them.

A thorough study was made in which member clubs of the then Philips League were questioned.

As to their attitude towards a change of season with most responding in a positive manner such as Preston: "We support the idea of summer soccer providing our home matches are played at Connor Reserve."

BEING SOUGHT FOR INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS. Again, nothing at Middle Park has changed since then.

Apia Leichhardt: "Very positive towards change of playing season, we must try it. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET THE USE OF LEICHARDT OVAL."

Who is kidding who?

The most shameful aspect of all this is that while these clubs have willingly spent many thousands of dollars in buying or importing players during that period, no real outcome is evident in providing what should be mandatory minimum ground standards for participation in summer night soccer.

Plans to learn from this year's obvious mistakes need to be formulated now, not left until a few weeks before the start of next season.

A thoroughly researched fixture list nominating the day, time and venue of every match in all 26 rounds must be drawn up and strictly adhered to by every club.

All fixtures should have a common kick-off time right through the season to dispel the chaotic confusion which existed this year.

There really is no point in reverting to Sunday afternoons after the end of daylight saving.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with playing all matches at night with the exception of the Final Five series.

Adelaide provided a perfect example of the benefits obtained from uniformity, both clubs kicked off home matches at 8 o'clock Sunday nights throughout the sum-

mer.

Was summer soccer ever intended to produce such madness?



Craig Johnston says the Liverpool magic has gone

CRAIG JOHNSTON said he would refuse an offer of \$10 million to play with his old club because the magic has gone.

Johnston, now working in Australia as a broadcaster, walked out on a Liverpool contract in 1988, saying he was tired of football and wanted to care for his ailing sister.

He told London's DAILY MIRROR — which is previewing his book 'The Craig Johnston Story — Walk Alone' — of how he visited Liverpool to watch his former teammates.

"I was unwittingly faced with the ultimate test: to see if the old bug was there to play for the team with which I had won the League and FA Cup," he said.

"But the spark has died never to return."

"Sure, I still get the greatest kick possible being among my playing mates who helped to achieve every footballer's dreams."

"Anyone who saw my efforts to go and see the boys at Queen's Park Rangers last week would have thought I'd still got the hots to pull on the famous red shirt again."

"But I don't get any twinkles in the toes whatsoever."



Craig Johnston with the FA Cup.

in my life. Even now I have difficulty explaining to British people why I don't want to play anymore.

"I played football from the heart. It wasn't good enough at times so the love of the game died. That's why I can walk away from it."

Victoria 'neutral' in ASF top post battle

BY LOU GAUTIER

A report in the Melbourne SUN newspaper, incidentally the daily publication in Australia which gives soccer the greatest exposure, says that the Victorian Soccer Federation won't involve itself in the political battle for the chairmanship of the Australian Soccer Federation.

NSW Federation president John Constantine has announced he will stand against incumbent Ian Brusasco for the position at the ASF's annual general meeting this weekend.

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John Constantine

NSW executive director Ian Holmes is quoted by Desira as predicting a win for Constantine.

"It is time for a new generation of leadership," he told the SUN.

Nominations for the position of chairman close on Saturday.

Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

ADELAIDE CITY now are real eye-catchers when they take the fields for QNSL action. After a sponsorship deal announced last week, each player heads for the pre-match warm-up resplendent in Patrick Australia tracksuits. Patrick Australia will sponsor the club for the next 12 months.

★★★
ADELAIDE City could have a new 'home' just a short corner kick from Hindmarsh Stadium.

Negotiations are going on for land on which City will build new, luxurious clubrooms.

The club received a boost last week with the State Government giving a grant to Athletics SA to buy City's club complex at Olympic Sports Field. City, of course, shares Hindmarsh as a home ground with Hellsus.

★★★
ARIE KREMER, who was the head of delegation for the Israeli Youth soccer team in 1983, has died. Mr Kremer, who was also the vice-president of the Israel Football Association, was replaced by Baruch Mendelblit. One of the most popular soccer officials in Israel, Mr Mendelblit has served on the national executive for the last 19 years and is the only known official who has not accepted a free overseas trip for his country.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST, Chelsea, Manchester City, and the Japanese national team, will take part in this year's Super Six Indoor Tournament at Brisbane's Boondall Entertainment Centre in June.

national team arrives next month to avail itself of the NSW Soccer Federation's Parklea Complex for a two-week training camp

★★★
CHARLIE YANKOS is expected to remain with Blacktown if they are relegated from the National League, as seems inevitable.

The Socceroo skipper is confident the Demons can win instant promotion and believes they will be definite starters when the QNSL competition kicks off in October.

★★★

Barry Davis, editor of the 'Coaching Overview', is handling the premiership aspirations of the ambitious Sydney University side in the NSW Federation Fifth Division. Also at Sydney Uni is ABC supremo David Hill, who acts as player — manager of the over 35 team.

★★★

DON'T forget to tune in every Tuesday at 4.30pm to SBS-TV's Captain Socceroo show presented by Johnny Warren. It features the famous Dutch Coerver coaching method, the life stories of the great Pele and Maradona, a history of the World Cup.

★★★
DRAGO SEKULARAC, the former Melbourne JUST coach, is one of the applicants for the vacant Socceroo coaching job. "Seki" was rated the most brilliant Yugoslav player of his generation and has coached successfully in Europe and in South America.

★★★
THE Indonesian

IT seems South Melbourne Hellas might run into some trouble come the 1990/91 season, when all QNSL clubs will be required to provide approved floodlights at their grounds. Local opposition to any ground developments at Middle Park has effectively stopped any improvements at the home of South Melbourne for some years. It is unlikely local residents would favourably consider floodlights for night matches.

★★★

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas has told the Melbourne 'Herald' that he believes Melbourne should have its first full-time team "within two years". According to Papasavas, Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne Hellas are close to having full-time squads with most of their players earning as much as \$30,000 per season.

He also says he is committed to introducing a salary cap similar to the ones introduced by both Australian rules and rugby league.

★★★

Bad luck runs in fours and not threes at Sunshine George Cross.

In big pre-season dealings Sunshine snared three new signings in Paul Foster (St Melb), Craig Foster (Syd Croatia) and David Clarkson (Adelaide City). As well, Ossie Latif started the year like a house on fire and after Round 6 the speedy striker had racked up five goals for his best-ever start to the season.

First Latif went down with injury for the remainder of the season, followed by Foster. Now the news is that Clarkson has made up an unhappy trio all out for the rest of the season.

Clarkson is suffering from a double groin strain. Meanwhile, Paul Foster is due to return after his spell on the injured list.

★★★
FORMER All White coach John Adshead is another applicant for the vacant Socceroo coaching position.

Adshead coached New Zealand into the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

His latest international job has been as coach of the New Zealand women's team.

While on the subject of the Socceroo position, has any vacancy in the history of soccer — anywhere — had more leaks? It seems that the identity of every applicant has been made public.

Odd, to say the least

★★★

ALL the fuss in the Sydney newspapers over the alleged "segregation" of Croatia and South Melbourne fans last weekend was a bit too much.

Keeping the fans apart was only a suggestion made by the NSL's Peter Russell — not an order, so why all the breath-taking and indignation in some quarters?

It seems to us it was not such a bad idea after the incidents that followed the team's first round game at Olympic Park, though the disturbance was greatly magnified in the dailies at the time.

★★★

MELBOURNE Croatia coach Ivan Raznjic is one man who has ruled himself out as a candidate for the Australian national coaching position.

Rumour has it the ASF approached the naturalised American citizen and asked him to submit an application but he declined as although he has the qualifications, he believes the job is too 'political'.

Adelaide City's Zoran Matic is believed to have declined to apply for largely the same reason and also because he does not believe the position should have been advertised.

★★★

SUNSHINE George Cross will be allowed to use Skinner Reserve as their home ground for the next two seasons. Cross will occupy Skinner between October



CHARLIE YANKOS: stays at Blacktown.

and April and Aussie rules club Sunshine will be the tenants for the rest of the year.

★★★

MORE bad news for injury-plagued Apia Leichhardt

Ace striker and marksman Rod Brown could also miss part of the 1990/91 season.

Brown, who last week underwent arthroscopic surgery to his right knee, has been advised the damage was far more serious than first thought.

He has been told he cannot play for at least six months!

★★★

ONE well-known Melbourne-based QNSL player took a delivery of the ugliest kind recently in the city centre. When stuck behind a double-parked delivery van our hero beeped his car horn at the offender and was promptly and unfortunately rewarded with a punch on the nose for his trouble.

★★★
DID you know that Sydney Olympic midfielder Grant Lee is married to the sister of Australian and NSW cricket representative Mark Taylor?

Grant and wife Tina watch Mark, a distinguished opening batsman, play whenever they can.

★★★

DESPITE a very tough end of the season schedule, Apia coach Manfred Schaefer believes

his team can reach the finals play-offs — which would be some achievement as the team has been riddled with injuries all season.

★★★

JOHN Filan's brilliant form will soon give St George coach Frank Arok a giant headache as Socceroo goalkeeper Mike Gibson is now fit and playing in the youth team.

Gibson had been sidelined for months with a knee injury and Filan, the 1988/89 Young Socceroo keeper, grabbed his big chance with both hands.

On current form there is no way he can be dropped despite Gibson's credentials.

★★★

OCEANIA Confederation Charlie Dempsey has denied suggestions by former Socceroo supremo Frank Arok that he had 'interfered' in refereeing decisions involving Australia.

Arok has claimed Dempsey was 'anti-Australian', citing the two World Cup qualifiers against Fiji in 1988 as examples of Dempsey's interference.

Dempsey said he had only intervened when Australia beat Fiji 5-1 in Newcastle because the referee had requested he go on to the pitch after a brawl between the players.

★★★

PLANS are well underway for the construction of Sydney

Croatia's \$1 million grandstand at Edensor Park.

The club has also finalised arrangements to take three guest players when it tours Croatia in July — Zeljko Adzic, Branko Milosevic and Zlatko Arambasic.

Blacktown City's Arambasic is one player the Sydneysiders hope to recruit next season.

★★★

Mae McLaughlin, widow of former NSW Director of Coaching Andy McLaughlin, has donated Andy's soccer library to the NSW Coaches Federation. The library includes several rare and out-of-print publications by authors such as Walter Winterbottom, Sipor Csanadi, Conrad Ladziak, Eric Batty and Duncan Edwards.

The Coaches Federation intends to publish extracts in coming editions of "Coaching Overview".

Andy McLaughlin was a leading coaching personality in Sydney and a founding member of the NSW and Australian Coaches Federations. He made an outstanding contribution to organised coaching in Australia and he is missed by many of the older school of coaches. The NSW Coaches Federation wishes to thank Mae most sincerely for this generous donation.

★★★



BRUSASCO'S RECORD

Current Australian Soccer Federation chairman Ian Brusasco will be again be standing for the post at Saturday's annual meeting in Sydney. In two short years on the job he has had oversight of many improvements, including institution of the five commissioners to replace the unwieldy 17 man executive, improvement of ASF finances, bringing the four national teams under control of the national coach and his assistant, and visitations to all the states.

Box Hill hold Thomastown to a 3-3 draw

BY MARC BREKAU

THIS was an action-packed match which saw the final score compliment both clubs as the Melbourne weather took its toll on many a player in front of a large crowd.

Thomastown continued their fine away form by opening the scoring after 30 minutes when McAleer, playing against his old club, provided a cross for Christ who scored with a side foot shot.

Seven minutes later Thomastown made it 2-0 when Eddie Sinclair provided a throughball to Danny Zemunec, who found the net just outside the penalty area.

The second half saw a revitalised Box Hill take the field, and Greg MacLeod opened the home side's account after two minutes when he headed a loose ball over an advancing goalkeeper.

Box Hill made it 2-2 nine minutes later when a poor Thomastown clearance found Thomas who crossed from the left. MacLeod controlled well to turn and hammer home the ball.

Paddy Cooper made it three for the home side when he scored a fine goal from 20 metres after 75 minutes, only to see Thomastown equalise in similar fashion four minutes later.

Di Martino scored on the volley with his first kick of the match.

McAleer was denied in the final stages of this match by a good save, but neither team would have been unhappy with this result come the final whistle.

**CROYDON CITY 2
MOOROOLBARK 0**

Croydon took the top League spot with this win against Mooroolbark on Sunday.

Mooroolbark looked the better side early in the first half, Croydon taking time to settle into

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early and we still have Sunshine George Cross, Adelaide City, Apia and Preston to deal with.

"The Top Five series is going to be very tough for all. We just have to wait and see.

"But for the moment, it is good to be back on top, and it is good that we will have less matches to play".

Can Marconi win the NSL title a record third time time?

Much will depend on how quickly their powerhouse midfielder, Ian Gray, recovers from his ankle operation.

There is no doubt whatsoever that Marconi without Gray in the midfield is just not the same team.

the pace of this game. Goalkeeper Les Long was kept busy in between the posts as he pulled off good saves to deny Andy Humble and Stewart McCarthur from scoring Croydon's first.

But Croydon's flowing game allowed them to score after 60 minutes when Nick van Egmond crossed from the right to avoid Klepac who headed in 18 minutes later.

Greg Bruck was fouled by David Brogan inside the penalty area. Goran Runje stepped forward to convert for Croydon's second.

**CAULFIELD CITY 0
ALBION TURK GUCU 2**

Player-coach Ian Wallace inspired his side to a 2-0 win at Princess Park on a day when many a player's energy was sapped by the hot Melbourne weather.

Albion opened the scoring after 20 minutes when a Wallace free-kick from the left found Steve Douglas who headed in from close range.

Caulfield went down 2-0 after 37 minutes when Karayel showed some fine individual skill in beating his marker to score from eight metres.

Caulfield, despite Albion's early lead, never looked like they might salvage a point and this became apparent when they faced an Albion side of 10 men later in the match. Steve Douglas being shown the red card for a late tackle after previously being booked early in the game.

Douglas' send-off was a severe blow to Albion, who also had Gordon Flavell sent off in the previous round's match against Heidelberg.

Moorwell made it two draws in two matches when they entertained JUST at the North Cringan Reserve.

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Although Morwell worked the ball well in midfield, JUST opened the scoring with a fine run by Sasha Bevins.

His cross from the left was poorly cleared by the Morwell defence and Bruns put the ball in his own net after 54 minutes, much to the JUST players delight.

Morwell's persistence finally paid dividends 25 minutes before full-time.

A run by Bingham down the right saw him fire a high cross which was picked up well by Nelson who equalised with a flying header.

JUST goalkeeper Aralica pulled off a late save from Byrne to ensure the visitors left Morwell with a point.

**BULLEEN 1
ALTONA GATE VARDAR 1**

Both teams appeared subdued in this match, feeling the effects of a hot day and having played a League match only 24 hours before.

Altona Gate scored from a free kick when Gary McMullen's shot ricocheted off the Bulleen wall only to fall to Arthur Davis who pushed the ball past Altona's advancing keeper.

Bulleen levelled after 35 minutes when Theodoridis was brought down in the penalty area. Alex Livingston converted to score his fourth goal of the season.

The second half turned into a scrappy affair, with neither side never in danger of losing a point. Bulleen suffered a major set-back when Ian Incantalo was sent off for bad language late in the match.

**FRANKSTON PINES 1
RINGWOOD CITY 1**

Ringwood applied pressure early against Frankston Pines in a match where the home side never looked like they might salvage a point.

Ringwood scored after 35 minutes when a through ball from Wayne Brown found Paul May, whose pace beat two Pines players and allowed him to score.

May appeared tireless in a game of few good scoring opportunities.

Frankston could have levelled through Steve Keenan when he beat his marker only to fire direct into the goalkeeper in the first half, and through Jimmy Ross, whose shot brought a fine save from the Ringwood keeper.

Ringwood coach Kuz Kulak confirmed the sentiments shown by many on this day when he said: "The weather definitely took its toll on the teams. It is very difficult for our players to handle two games, and play in these conditions, in one weekend."

**MORWELL FALCONS 1
MELB CITY JUST 1**

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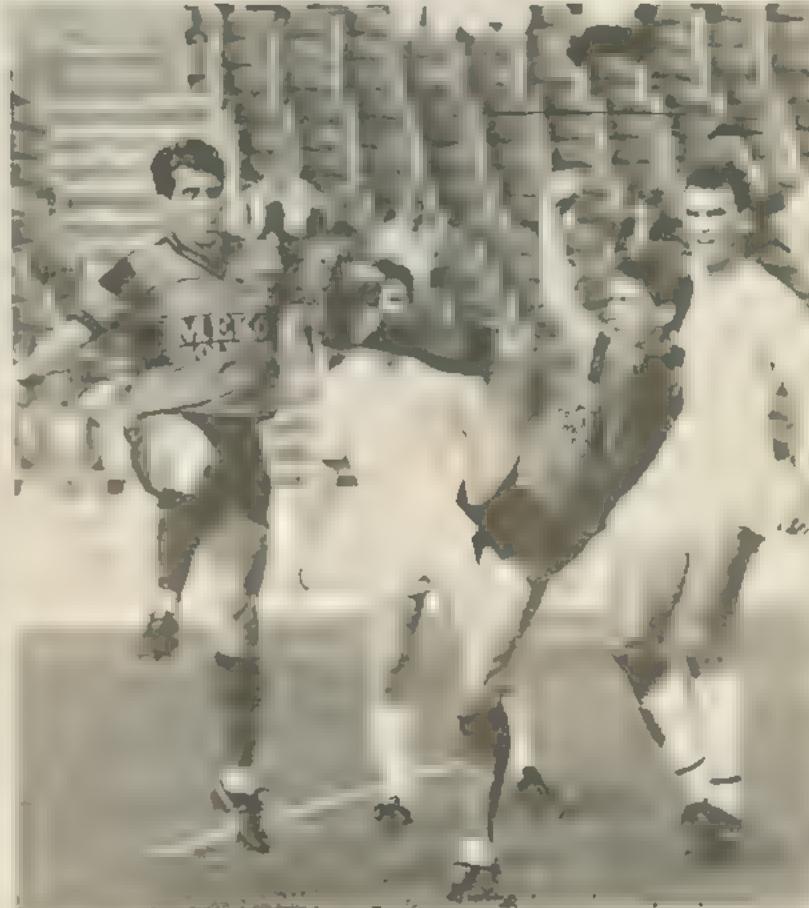
**BRUNSWICK JUVE 0
GREEN GULLY 0**

In heatwave conditions Brunswick Juve again failed to justify its pre-season favouritism as it struggled to a scoreless draw with Green Gully at Middle Park.

Old and coming Gully showed its potential as a force, but was unable to beat Juve goalkeeper Peter Laumets, who was in unbeatable form on his old stamping ground.

INFORMATION

Leading goalscorers after Round Five: 4 — Klepac (Croydon), Livingston (Bulleen), 3 — Mills (Northcote), McMullen (Altona Gate), MacLeod (Box Hill) and Cristaldo (Thomastown).



Steve Smith (right) in action when he played for Preston against Sydney Croatia. Now transferred to Juventus, he was unable to make a home debut last weekend.

This Weekend

Saturday March 31:
Caulfield City v Box Hill, Morwell Falcons v Brunswick Juventus

Sunday April 1:

Croydon City v Albion Turk Gucu, Heidelberg Alexander v Altona Gate Vardar, Bulleen v Thomastown, Green Gully Ajax v Northcote City, Melb City JUST v Ringwood City, Fawkner v St Albans Dinamo, Frankston Pines v Mooroolbark

Vic State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Croydon	5	5	0	0	10	10	
Albion	5	3	2	0	8	8	
Thomastown	5	3	2	0	10	7	
Green Gully	5	1	1	3	8	8	
Bulleen	5	2	3	0	8	5	
Northcote	5	3	0	2	8	3	
Ringwood	5	3	0	2	6	6	
Fawkner	4	2	1	1	4	3	
St Albans	4	1	2	1	5	3	
Brunswick Juve	5	1	2	2	5	5	
Melb City JUST	5	1	2	2	6	9	
Heidelberg	4	1	1	2	5	6	
Altona Gate	5	1	3	2	8	9	
Caulfield	5	1	3	3	7	3	
Mooroolbark	5	1	0	4	4	9	2
Box Hill	5	0	1	4	5	11	1
Frankston Pines	5	0	1	4	2	11	1

* Playing Wednesday March 20

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**ABC soccer
on two nights**



"THE Big Match", ABC TV's excellent coverage of the Quit National Soccer League has moved to Monday night.

The programme, hosted by John Bell, with expert comments from former Socceroo striker John Kosmina, previously went to air at 5pm on Sundays.

The Big Match features the highlights of the National Soccer League Match of the Round, as well as all the goals and main incidents from the other six games.

With Australian soccer taking an important foothold on Monday nights, the ABC's English soccer programme can now be seen on Thursday nights.

* So, it's Australian Soccer — Monday nights, with a replay on Sunday mornings.

* And English Soccer — Thursday nights, with a replay on Saturday afternoons.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SA Soccer has its first two coaching casualties of the season.

Eric Norman, of Salisbury and Port Adelaide's Arthur Rutley have parted company with their clubs.

Former Sheffield Wednesday player and credentialled coach Bob Wincer has taken over at Salisbury.

★★★

SA Soccer Federation vice-chairman Basil Scarsella is the SA nomination for the position of vice-chairman of the ASF.

Scarsella is a former top flight goalkeeper in SA.

Holding a degree in economics, he is a top level executive with a State government organisation.

★★★

SALISBURY has been hit by a serious injury to utility player Graham Latham.

He faces about a month on the sidelines.

★★★

AMPOL Cup winner Croatia has made a solid Foundation League start but can only get better.

Striker Ante Ljubic, captain Paul Blute and young defender Doug Paterson all have been out with long-term injuries.

The club was "rocked", too, with a picture of a player previously with another club in a "compromising position".

The practical joke went down well with the effervescent player's new team-mates.

★★★

STRUGGLING Port Adelaide have been dealt a cruel blow.

Defender Andy Baines broke a leg last week against high-fliers Birklla.

Barnes damaged the same leg which was broken last season. He will step out of the game for two seasons.

★★★

MERCURIAL Beograd striker Zeljko Popovic has decided to return to Yugoslavia. Helas import defender Martin Doak is interesting Salisbury.

★★★

ADELAIDE City will face a hectic, but crowd-pleasing week in April. The SA side travels to play Marconi on April 7 and then hosts South Melbourne on the following Wednesday before lining up at Hindmarsh in League action against Melbourne Croatia.

★★★

YOUNG Port Adelaide striker Steve Gera caught the eye in West End Premier Cup action on Wednesday.

But substitute Morris Facchini scored the goal which downed Blackwood 1-0.

Another teenager, Andy Borghetto, scored the goal which earned Lion a 1-1 draw with Polonia.

Damien Harley netted from the spot for Polonia.

★★★

VERSATILE Graham Campbell has joined Cumberland United from USC Lion.

Campbell is the son of former FIFA referee Donald Campbell who now is coaching Croatia.

★★★

AMATEUR champions Salisbury Inter started off the new season in style.

They beat last year's Cup winners Rostrevor United in the pre-season Cichanowski Shield clash.

★★★

FORMER West Ham and Scotland goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson came out of coaching retirement this week to put Croatia youngster Peter Blazincic through his paces.

Ferguson, who formerly coached Adelaide City and Birklla, was impressed with the youngster.

"With full-time coaching he could make it in England. He has great potential," said Ferguson, who recalled with relish the time he worked out five hours a day for a month with England great Peter Shilton.

Blazincic himself is an enthusiastic trainer and enjoyed the work-out with the former Scotland man.

"It was good to see a man of his experience come along to help," said Croatia coach Donald Campbell.

"It shows he still has an interest in the game though his business commitments keep him away."

★★★

TEENAGE striker Michael Brooks last Sunday week made his QNSL debut for Adelaide City. The youngster bought out his contact from Salisbury United to join City and has impressed all at the club with his enthusiasm and desire to succeed.

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Les Bee (centre), ex ACT and Northern NSW, is now fulltime Tasmania Director of coaching based on Hobart.

Les made a Bee-line for Tasmanian post

BY WALTER PLESS

LES Bee, 40, Tasmania's new full-time Director of Coaching, is full of enthusiasm about his new job, and his track record indicates he should be able to improve the standard of coaching in the State.

A former policeman in England, and a one-time physical education teacher in a tough British school, Bee is used to difficult assignments.

His earnest, sincere manner of speaking, combined with his obvious knowledge of the game, should bring about positive changes to the local set-up.

In the ACT, where he was state director for five years, Bee established a soccer academy or school of excellence for 14, 15 and 16 year olds.

The four year programme was remarkably successful in developing players — from the first intake of 32 players, 12 went on to play in the National League.

Bee then spent four years in Northern New South Wales, assisting coaching director Ken Kaiser as the country co-ordinator and then handling the Northern Branch for the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

His reason for coming to Tasmania was twofold.

"I wanted to get back into the game full-time and I felt there was a lot of potential here, both in terms of numbers, and in terms of the assistance the Department of Sport and Recreation was willing to give," Bee said.

"I'm excited about the way Sport and Recreation are going about things."

"They seem well-organized and I'm looking forward to attacking areas of youth development and setting up my own programme."

Bee hopes to service the 17, 18, 19 and 20 year olds in Tasmania initially, because the transition from primary school to club soccer is a problem area with a high drop-out rate.

He also intends to push the development of individual techniques

and skills of the game.

He is an advocate of the problem solving method in youth coaching, where players are encouraged to find their own solutions to problems they encounter in the game.

"I don't really believe in force feeding people and thrusting solutions down people's throats," Bee explained.

"If the players can't find a solution to a problem, that's when the coach steps in with advice."

Later, Bee hopes to work with 17 and 18 year olds and he would like to present a programme to the Tasmanian Institute of Sport, with a view to that institution supporting a squad of players.

The ultimate aim is to educate players into seeing there isn't just one way of playing the game, but many different ways.

"Eventually, we want to be able to tell players to go out and pick their coach instead of letting coaches pick them," Bee said.

"Hopefully, the players will become a little more selective and knowledgeable about the game and they might even then become better coaches than we've got now."

Bee believes that older players have much to offer the game, and that they should be encouraged to continue playing for as long as possible as their experience on the field was of tremendous benefit to young players."

"The one regret I have about the game is that, maybe, my opportunities came two or three years too early and I felt that as a state director I had to stop playing to concentrate on my coaching career," Bee said.

"I'd always advise people to play for as long as they possibly can because you're a long time not playing."

Slickers or Marconi?

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Robbie Wheatley says Marconi reached a highpoint in 1989 as, as he puts it, Marconi tore teams apart despite losing Frank Farina in the off-season.

"I think our recent game against Melbourne Croatia might be the turning point of this season after losing Nastevski," he explained.

"We are just starting to get into our stride and I think we can equal Sydney City's record of three straight championships."

"The overall system at the club is the club's strength and I believe it will help Marconi remain strong for some time to come," says Marani.

"Going back it's still hard to see anyone beating Sydney City," is Kosmina's summation.

"But I couldn't say there was no comparison. In fact, Marconi has every chance of

going on to become the best club we've seen in the NSL."

So there the arguments stand.

Comparison

Sydney City is the greatest of all-time and Marconi is a club verging on greatness and in with a chance of equalling an enviable record of three successive title wins."

If anything, Marconi carries an enormous burden into this year's finals series as they strive to live up to the mantle of "the new Sydney City".

But, surely, if there is to be a new dominant force in Aussie soccer, Marconi will be it.

Marconi, the club and the team, is the envy of the nation and ample proof of its strength lies in the fact that, despite the pressure of facing teams intent on knocking off the Sydney kingpins week in and week out, the Fairfield club is still the one to beat.

That is the sure sign of a champion.

In recent seasons Marconi has lost champions of the calibre of Tony Henderson, Frank Farina and Zlatko Nastevski and still the bandwagon has rolled on un-daunted.

Perhaps we are on the verge of seeing another Sydney City emerge.

There is no doubt Marconi of 1988-1990 and Sydney City of 1990-92 are the two best teams in NSL history.

City gets the nod by a nose as we head toward the 1990 finals but the current Marconi players have their future in their own hands.

Will history judge Marconi as the greatest ever or simply as one of the greats?

With sincere apologies to the many literally wonderful players I've had to leave out, here are my best composite teams for both clubs in their own particular era of dominance.

SYDNEY CITY 1980-81

**CLARKE
MULLEN O'CONNOR ROBERTSON BRUCE
WATSON BARNES STEPHENSON
BODEN KOSMINA SILVA
subs — SOUNESS SMITH**

MARCONI 1980-81

**CATLIN
VAN EGMOND WHEATLEY CALDERAN DE MARIGNY
GRAY McCULLOCH KATHOLOS
FARINA NASTEVSKI LOWE
subs — DE JONG HENDERSON**

THE RECORD

	LEAGUE GAMES	CUP & FINALS	TOTAL
	PL W D I F A PL W D I F A PL W D I F A		
MARCONI (88-90*)	70 38 20 12 144 85 10 7 1 2 17 11 80 45 21 14 18 76		
SYD CITY (80-82)	86 55 15 18 178 84 11 6 1 4 22 14 97 61 16 20 200 98		

* Marconi's record to end of Rd 19 1990

Rufer takes Oceania award

WYNTON Rufer (New Zealand) is the Oceania Football Confederation 1989 Footballer of the Year, with 1988 winner Frank Farina (Australia) in second place.

The poll is conducted each year by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics.

Rufer's presentation was made on West German television in a special half-hour session which included recognition of the Asian Footballer of the Year as well.

The full results of the Oceania poll were, Wynton Rufer (NZ) 43 points from 10 voters, Frank Farina (Australia) 41-10, Antoine Komboare (New

Caledonia) 10-15, Paschal Vahirua (Tahiti) 10-3, Eddie Krnevic (Australia) 9-2, Fred de Jong (NZ) 8-4, Robert Ironside (NZ) 7-3, Charlie Yankos (Australia) 6-3, Paul Trimble (Australia) 6-3, Clint Gosling (NZ) 6-3, Zlatko Nastevski (Australia) 5-2, Ian Grav (Australia) 3-1, Oscar Crino (Australia) 3-2, Errol Bennett (Tahiti) 3-2.

Voting was restricted to John Taylor (Sydney Daily Telegraph), Michael Cockrell (Sydney Morning Herald), Keith Gilmour (Australian Soccer Weekly), Peter Desira (Melbourne Sun), Peter Burns (FFHS representative Victoria), Terry Hobin (NZ Soccer Express), Terry Maddaford (NZ Herald), Russell Gary (NZ Dominion), Nick Tolerton (NZ Christchurch Star), Paul Moon (IFFHS representative NZ), Michel Ferrand (Tahiti), Mrs Torika Tora (Fiji Times), Pierre Guillot (Noumea), Kisaku Posman (Papua New Guinea) and Ted Simmons (IFFHS representative NSW).



WYNTON RUFER
Herald), Russell Gary (NZ Dominion), Nick Tolerton (NZ Christchurch Star), Paul Moon (IFFHS representative NZ), Michel Ferrand (Tahiti), Mrs Torika Tora (Fiji Times), Pierre Guillot (Noumea), Kisaku Posman (Papua New Guinea) and Ted Simmons (IFFHS representative NSW).

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their match fees," Mr Vessey said.

"We were to pay \$10,000 a game, plus all air fares accommodation and meals."

"All of a sudden they were asking \$22,000 per game, and the dates were changed from late May to early June."

"We ceased negotiations straight away."

The ASF was also offered a tour by the French national team.

The English agent involved was endeavouring to help offset costs with a television and advertising package, but the arrangements did not get off the ground.

Chelsea's trip would bring some highly entertaining footballers on to the park.

Kerry Dixon and David Speedie are great crowd-pleasers

It seems certain that Australian Tony Dorigo would be an absentee due to his call-up for the England World Cup squad for the finals in Italy.

Socceroo David Mitchell could come, provided he is still with the club.

It is not surprising that the ASF is taking great care over the cost of tours to Australia, although it must be said that the Socceroos are in great need of high quality opponents.

The game's future depends upon sound financing.

ASF financial statements for the past year are expected to show an operating surplus of \$200,000, which is a genuine move towards stabilising of the game.

The ASF general meeting takes place on Saturday at the Rushcutters Bay Travelodge in Sydney at 10am.

This will be followed by an executive meeting with the commissioners getting down to business on Sunday.



Con Boutsianis (South Melbourne White No 10) in action against Melbourne JUST in the National Youth League South — ROY HAY photo.

Marconi's late goal

BY RAND COOPER

MARCONI consolidated their position in the top four when they defeated Sydney Croatia 3-2 with a late winner at Marconi Stadium on Sunday night.

Marconi opened the scoring when a Marconi player was brought down inside the area and Mendez stepped up to calmly slot the spot kick away.

Sydney Croatia equalised in the 35th minute when Andrew French slammed the ball into the net after a mix up in the Marconi box.

After a generally clean game three players were sent off after a scuffle.

Marconi scored the winner with less than a minute to go when Clune capitalised on a mix-up in the Croatia goal area to give Marconi the points.

MARCONI Schwarzer, Carluccio, S. Surjan, Mamone Charwood, Mendel, Messina, Dalleste, Likata, Clune, Lopez.

SYDNEY CROATIA Kalac, Bojkovski, Zizic, Babasic, Alivovic, Pervan, Ricoy, French, Zec, Popovic, Prusac.

BLACKTOWN v OLYMPIC

Blacktown moved a step closer towards gaining a spot in the top four when they fought hard to defeat a determined Sydney Olympic 1-0 at Gabbie Stadium.

The first half was a very even affair with neither side being able to put the first goal on the board.

The first and only goal was scored by Scott McArdle in the 54th minute after some good build-up by the Blacktown midfield.

BLACKTOWN Crews, Abi Arrange (Gomez), Langan, Begbie, Comerford, Shipley Connolly, Bourke (Rogers), McArdle, Suman, Joe.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC M. Reffenes, Panson, Serratos, Spyridakis, Georgopoulos, Pontides, A. Triantyllou, Alexandrakis, Baltassis, Bennett (Shipley), Arauto, Cardozo.

WOLLONGONG v ST GEORGE

Wollongong moved away from the foot of the table when they defeated fourth placed St George 2-0 at Brandon Park on Sunday afternoon.

The goals for Wollongong came via Petkovic

and O'Neill. The match was quick and entertaining, with Wollongong having the upper hand for most of the afternoon.

ADS 8 APR

A fine goalscoring display by the AIS, featuring five goals to striker Kris Trajanovski, enabled the AIS to defeat a luckless Apia Leichhardt 7-0 at Bruce Stadium on Saturday.

The AIS claimed an early lead when a Brad Maloney freekick was chipped into the penalty area to Trajanovski, who turned and scored in the second minute.

They extended the lead in the 22nd minute when Darren Hillier split the defence with a throughball to Craig Jones, who crossed to Trajanovski, who beat the keeper to score.

Just after halftime, the AIS scored their third goal when Tony Pangalio controlled a

ball down the right wing, crossed the ball to Trajanovski, who flicked it into the goal.

In the 64th minute, Maloney passed it to Nick Radecki who ran through the defence, committed the keeper and crossed to Steve Corica who scored.

Zoran Bizimovski scored a brilliant individual goal in the 65th minute and Trajanovski completed the scoring with goals in the 75th and 88th minutes.

AIS Juric Jones, Romanovic, Pangalio, Bizimovski, Cranney, Corica, Trajanovski, Maloney, Hillier, Radecki.

APIA LEICHARDT Butera, Fraiza, Dium, Stendardo, Granata, Kdulih, Reyes, Pisano, Tulic, Mides, Beaufils.

Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	5	8	4	1	32	27	
APIA	5	2	2	2	74	74	
Marconi	5	6	4	5	23	22	16
Geelong City	5	4	5	6	27	27	15
Sydney City	5	2	5	8	56	58	12
St George	5	2	5	8	40	38	12
Mem	5	2	5	8	20	20	12
Syd Olympic	5	3	5	7	16	18	11
Wollongong	5	3	4	8	14	20	10
Syd Croatia	5	2	5	8	25	27	8

A 2-2 draw at Somers St.

BY ROY HAY

The match of the round in the National Youth League (Southern Division) ended in a thrilling 2-2 draw between Melbourne Croatia and Southern Melbourne Hellas White at Somers Street.

Croatia took the lead in 27 seconds, when the Hellas defence claimed a hand-ball as the ball was relayed to striker Joe Bacak. He did not stop but slid the ball into the net and the goal stood.

Hellas fought back strongly and Con Boutsianis sent a looping header over the keeper following a cross from the left.

Damian Mori put Hellas into the lead, when he read a defensive scramble well and slotted the ball in from around the penalty spot as it fell in his path.

Croatia was reduced to 10 men, after making its substitutions, when another player was injured, but with only a few minutes left to play, Hus Skenderovic sent a free kick curving round the wall and into the top corner.

The result means that the top three places in the Southern Division are now settled, with Croatia and Altona Gate leading from Hellas White Fourth spot is in contention between Sunshine George Cross, Melbourne City JUST and the fast improving Preston.

Preston took six goals off a luckless JUST at Connor Reserve, with only one reply by Neven Efendic.

Vital Ferrante scored a hat-trick and Tony Lingurovski, Louie Bekiaris and Michael Cassar added the other three. If Peter Sorocuk in the JUST goals had not pulled off a string of superlative saves then the margin might have been greater as JUST continued to lose players to its senior side.

Sam Pappadopoulos scored the only goal of the game to give Heidelberg United victory over Clifton Hill at Yambia Street.

Geelong City gave East Richmond a goal of a start and that is how the match ended. Chris Daglaras ran through a static midfield and defence after two minutes to claim the decisive goal.

City had a barrow-load of chances to win the match and even with 10 men for most of the second half it had much more of the play but no-one could put the ball in the net.

In one of City's best attacks, Charles Fitzpatrick, Peter Stojanovski, Ross Hay and Stephen McAuliffe combined only for the final shot to clear the bar. Fitzpatrick had a good header saved from Andrew Harris' cross, and then had the ball in the net only to be pulled back for hand-ball.

Cedo Rakic twice outstripped the defence early in the second half, but his attempts at goal missed narrowly, then George Tsoukalas broke clear for the visitors, but Grant Carr forced him to shoot wide.

Hay and Fitzpatrick then set up Rakic again,

and the spectators were acclaiming the goal, but somehow the ball rolled across the face of goal to safety.

Young Richie O'Sullivan in his first full game forced a good save from keeper Nick Kalamaras, then released Rakic once again but this time the shot was too high.

Results

Melbourne Croatia 2 (Bacak, Skenderovic) South Melbourne Hellas White 2 (Boutsianis, Mori), Caulfield City v Sunshine George Cross (match postponed).

Geelong City 0 East Richmond 1 (Daglaras), South Melbourne Hellas Blue v North Geelong (match postponed).

Preston Macedonia 6 (Ferrante, Lingurovski, Bekiaris, Cassar), Melbourne City JUST 1 (Efendic), Clifton Hill 0 Heidelberg 1 (Pappadopoulos)

Top Scorers

Con Boutsianis South Melbourne Hellas White 23, Saso Bevincovski Melbourne City JUST 21, Joe Bacak Melbourne Croatia 18, Adrian Cervinski North Geelong 14, Vince Manuel de la Plaza South Melbourne Hellas Blue 10, Mark Silic Melbourne Croatia 10

Ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mel Crota	18	15	2	1	62	52	32
Altona Gate	19	15	2	2	61	44	32
SMHW	21	13	4	4	52	20	30
Mel City JUST	20	9	5	6	53	40	23
Preston	18	9	4	6	40	27	22
Sunshine GC	19	9	4	6	40	36	22
Geelong City	20	8	2	10	32	47	18
Heidelberg Jd	20	5	6	9	22	36	16
North Geelong	18	6	2	10	34	36	14
East Richmond	20	6	2	12	32	50	14
SMHB	18	4	2	12	25	52	10
Gaulthorpe	18	2	5	11	18	36	9
Clifton Hill	18	2	0	14	13	64	4

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Yugal too strong for weak Granville-Chile

BY PAUL GOODWIN

GRANVILLE-Chile fell victims to a superior Auburn-Yugal side at Gar-side Park, with the visitors continuing on their winning ways, having completed a double over the same side in 1989.

All three goals came

half was goalless, it was not short of incident. Andre Spnovic had a shot cleared off the Granville line by Devtadian and Christian Ortiz was sent off in the last minute.

Gonzales made some fine saves from Beluzic, who continued to frustrate the locals, for whom Andy Ferris and David

from Bathurst at the end of last season will come into contention for the next game at Rosebery and a first win cannot be far away.

On Sunday, Manly and Southern Districts played out a tight, but skillful game at Cromer Park, with neither side able to break down the defensive barriers.

level with a goal from Sep Disch after a strong Carney run on the left, but the home side restored their lead with an 82nd minute Chris Butt penalty.

Gary Hatton combined well with Blackburn to set up Disch for his second and Campbelltown's third with four minutes left to play.

The visitors also had another Sep Disch goal disallowed in the early stages, but the experiments did produce plenty of goals and these positional changes will be watched with great interest in the weeks to come.

Central Coast matched Fairfield City for long periods of the game at Knight Park, but went down to a Gary Hastic goal after Arbelo had done the spade work. It was Fairfield's first win, but Coast must be getting close to breaking through now and like Gladesville will be looking to break their duck when these two sides meet at Plum Park at the weekend.

First win

Rosebery managed their first win when they fought back from being 1 goal down at half-time to Mount Druitt to win 2-1 at Popponegatta Park.

Don Campbell opened the scoring with a volley in the first half and Paul Harriott equalised in the 55th minute with a low drive after a nod down by Mick Davy.

Davy set up 37 year old Tony Berry for the winner seven minutes later when he flicked on a Ricky Somboli cross and the veteran netted from eight metres.

Chris Short made a fine debut in the Mount Druitt goal but it was not their day. The Under 19s went down and the clubhouse was broken into overnight leaving supporters with little to celebrate at the Blackett ground.

Dulwich Hill and Waverley, in a game between two sides of contrasting styles featured at Arlington Oval and the 500-strong crowd was treated to some fancy footwork by the Portuguese side.

Deadlock

Ashley Williamson was first to break the deadlock with a goal in the 21st minute, intercepting a stray Celare pass. Dave Rooney made it two in the 40th minute, but Campbelltown forced their way back, taking a gamble by promoting defender Steve Blackburn to centre forward. Blackburn caught the 'Mitre 10 Bears' keeper in possession in the 57th, before Steven Paul who had hit the post in the first half had a shot cleared off the line by Ray Eldridge.

The Vikings drew

Granville Chile (on ball) under challenge from Orange Waratah last season. The club has started its Second Division on a weak note.

Holms worked hard without reward

Custodians

Yugal and long-term goatee Rosario Pinto have settled their differences but a return to the first team is no formality in a club which now has four capable custodians on its books.

Orange Waratahs entertained Petersham on Saturday night and led until the last minute when Luisianos newcomer Darren Stephenson got the ball over the line following a corner.

The home side was on top early and wet coming back Ron Dawson whose square pass for Brian Cousins allowed the latter to put Paul Waine through.

The versatile Orange player, given a roving commission in this match, was able to slip the ball into the corner of the net with 20 minutes left to play.

Orange continues to improve and is playing some nice soccer. Mark Cooke on loan from Sutherland where he transferred

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played home for number three.

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NSW SECOND DIVISION

ROUND 5

FRIDAY MARCH 30 (6.15pm & 8.15pm)

Waverley v Petersham

E S Marks Field

SATURDAY MARCH 31 (6pm & 8pm)

Central Coast v Gladesville H by

Plum Park

SUNDAY APRIL 1 (1pm & 3pm)

Campbelltown VIK v Granville Chile

Dulwich Hill v Fairfield City

SSC Yugal v Manly Warringah

Southern District v Mt Druitt Town

Rosebery v Orange Waratahs

Bensley Road

Arlington Oval

Mona Park

Ernie Smith Reserve

E S Marks Field

APIA IN CUP SEMIS

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

INJURY-riddled Apia Leichhardt sent arch-rivals Marconi tumbling to its third successive defeat and out of the NSL Cup with a solid 2-0 win in their quarter final at Bossley Park last Wednesday night.



KLAUS OKON

The introduction of Joe Watson as a 30th minute substitute brought the best out of Waverley and there were plenty of chances created by the visitors as Ian Wotherspoon hit the post from a 20-metre free kick in the 38th and Barry Walker was denied on more than one occasion.

Jimmy Berry controlled the ball nicely after a square ball from John Devaney in the 61st minute, before hitting the ball past Kevin Farrar. Steve Milloy was instrumental in the move and the balding playmaker had another excellent afternoon.

Southern Districts and Granville-Chile will restage their washed out Round 3 fixture tonight (Wednesday 28th) at Ernie Smith Reserve at 7pm and a good crowd should see some sharp action.

Rosebery will play Orange at Esksine Oval on Sunday but their ground the Marks Field, will be available for Friday night's clash between Waverley and Peter Sham.

Results

Fairfield City	1
(Hastic Central Coast)	0
Granville Chile	0
Auburn Yugal	3
(Pettenon Despotovic 2,	
Gladesville-Hornsby 1,	
WA Wilmotson	
Rooney Butt pen)	
Campbelltown Vikings	3
(Buckburn Disch 2)	
Manly Warringah	0
Southern Districts	0
Mount Druitt Town	1
(Campbell) Rosebery-Portuguese 2 (Harriott, Erciv, Orange-Waratah 1 (Wane), Peter Sham-Lusitanos 1 (Stephenson), Dulwich Hill Madeira 1 (Duarte), Waverley 1 (Berry))	

Top Scorers

4 Paul Pettenon, 3
Mark Butler, Ugher Taskin, Vaso Despotovic, Paul Harriott 2
Ray Carney, Leo Ulloa, Nelson Borges, Stephen Hooper, Oscar Celic, Mick Davy, Sep Disch, Chris Butt.

Table

	PWDLFA Pts
Aub Yugal	4 3 1 8 2 7
Waverley	4 3 1 0 6 3 2
Dulwich Hill	4 1 3 0 5 2 5
Manly Warr	4 1 3 0 4 3 2
Petersham L	4 1 3 0 3 2 5
Campbelltown	4 1 2 1 9 9 4
Rosebery P	4 1 2 1 7 7 4
Fairfield City	4 1 2 1 5 6 4
Southern Districts	3 1 2 0 6 3 3
Orange	4 0 2 2 5 7 2
Mt Druitt	4 0 2 2 3 4 2
Granville-Chile	3 0 2 2 4 7 2
Gladesville	4 0 2 2 5 9 2
Southern Coas	4 0 0 4 2 8

APIA: Hughes M Brown (McQuarrie 30m), Jennings Stankovic Halliday, Clinch, Murray, K. Okon (Theodorakopoulos 66m), Stewart, Bundalo, van Blerk

MARCONI: Callin, van Egmond de Marigny Calderan, Wheasley Colaguri

(Gomez 71m), Colucci (Lowe 60m), P. Okon, de Jong, Katholos, Glavovic. SCORERS K Okon 48m, Stewart 65m for Apia. YELLOW CARDS de Marigny 10m, Glavovic 80m, Calderan 85m for Marconi. Theodorakopoulos 81m for Apia. REFEREE R Lorenc CROWD 2036

NSW DIV 2 LATEST

WAVERLEY have boosted their squad this year, adding the names of 23-year-old Scotsman Steve Molley who was playing locally and Harvey Ronen, who returns from Maccabi, to those of Ian Wotherspoon and Peter Treacey recruited from fellow Second Division outfit Campbelltown.

Campbelltown have not rested after concluding extensive trials during the summer months and benefitted from the demise of Concordia, picking up their 26-year-old captain-coach, Sepp Disch, a few days prior to the opening game with Central Coast.

Max Desblicibus, signed from Abruzzi, has shown up well with a goal in his debut and combines well with Gary Hatton, the stocky midfielder who was a driving force with Fairy Meadow last season.

Ben Divani moved over from Yugal after spells with Avala and Polonia and is expected to be a leading light with the Vikings.

Diminutive wingman and ace marksman Ray Carney was last seen with Avala and West United and adds valuable experience to an essentially youthful side.

Big defender Steve Blackburn takes on the assistant-coach's duties this year and his know-how as the linchpin of defence is a vital ingredient in a team which sees itself as being much more competitive than it was in 1989.

★★★

PETERSHAM-LUSITANOS, who based their Fourth Division side last season on the nucleus of the Gladesville side of 1988 have augmented their squad with a number of useful former Bankstown players.

Graham and Craig Poole are now operating in midfield while at the back Robbie Thompson and Ian Parry will make life hard for Second Division strikers this year.

In addition, Darren Stephenson is a recent signing, but the absence of Keith Rodwell and Mark Baldwin will be felt up front.

— PAUL GOODWIN

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Schools in vital coaching

Probably there are few present days youngsters who fully appreciate the time put in on their behalf by thousands of coaches — many of them voluntary — across the state and nation.

In today's pictures the Australian schools' coaches are seen with their charges at the magnificent Valentine Park headquarters at Parklea, in Sydney's outer Western Suburbs.



Instructions to the Australian schoolboys from coach Tom Sermanni. Officials pictured are Ian Gillespie (left) and Ian Boxall (at rear). Pic: HECTOR CARRASCO.



Heading practice for the Australian schoolboys at Parklea.



Coach Steve Gillespie gives a few hints to his Australian schoolgirls squad at Valentine Park, Parklea. — Photo: HECTOR CARRASCO.

Centenary Cup at Cromer Park

MANLY WARRINGAH SOCCER ASSOCIATION will host the prestigious 1990 Commonwealth Bank under 12 Centenary Tournament at Cromer Park, from Tuesday-Friday 17/20 April.

The series will begin in three groups, and all three grounds at this excellent complex will be utilised.

In all 21 representative teams will compete.

Those from outside Sydney and NSW Central Coast, Albury, Australian Capital

Territory, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Central West and Northern Tasmania.

The ground itself is situated in South Creek Road, Dee Why, close to Cromer High School.

Syd Russell is tournament manager, with Tony Johnson handling the referees' liaison

presentations at 4pm.

The groupings in the draw are:

GROUP "A"

1. Central Coast
2. St George
3. Sthn Districts
4. Albury
5. Manly
6. ACT
7. Lismore



GROUP "C"

1. Sthn and Eastern
2. Nepean
3. Illawarra
4. Nthn Tasmania
5. Gladesville
6. Blacktown
7. Central West



NSW COACHES COLUMN

THE NSW Coaches Federation is looking to expand its membership during the 1990 season. This active and progressive organisation has much to offer its members in terms of on-going soccer education and social activities.

Among the coaching activities are frequent lectures and demonstrations by Australia's leading coaches.

These provide an opportunity for members to gain some practical ideas which they can use with their own teams. Plans for the 1990 series are well advanced and it promises to be an informative and exciting year.

The coaches also put out a magazine called 'Coaching Overview' which is written by and for coaches and chock-a-block full of practical coaching information.

It is regarded as essential reading by leading coaches since the articles range in standard from junior level to a standard used by NSL coaches.

Social functions in the past twelve months have been dinners to farewell Eric Worthington and to celebrate Christmas at which the guest speakers were Worthington and Bert Mariani respectively.

So successful were these dinners that more are planned for this year.

As a bonus, and through the courtesy of the NSW Soccer Federation, members are provided with a pass for all State League games for the coming season.

It's the only game in town this winter and it promises to be a fascinating competition.

The membership fee for 1990 is \$30 which includes full membership, "Coaching Overview" subscription, free admission to all Coaches Sessions and State League fixtures and invitations to all social functions. For further information contact Vince Balzan on 639 1093.

And now some advice for junior coaches. Concentrate all your energies on teaching the young players to perform the full range of techniques required by the game. Forget all about fancy tactics and applying pressure to win each game.

They are a waste of time until the players are able to play each ball correctly and confidently. Only when young players can do so will they become effective in the true sense and will they have a real future in the game.

— BARRY DAVIS

UNIFORM YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 4 SUNDAY MARCH 25 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Melbourne	v St George	0-5	0-2	0-1	0-7
Nepean	v Syd Olympic	0-1	0-1	1-4	0-1
Bankstown	v APIA	0-0	2-4	2-2	0-3
Sutherland	v Syd Crosta	3-2	2-1	2-1	1-6
Marconi	v Melita	1-2	2-1	0-1	2-0
Sthn Districts	v Blacktown City	1-5	0-1	1-4	0-4
Macarthur	v Canberville	8-1	3-0	3-3	0-2

SUNDAY MARCH 25 DIVISION 2

Sthn & Eastern	v Ku-ring-gai	2-0	2-0	3-1	5-0
Ponsonby	v Canterbury	0-2	9-2	2-3	2-0
Central Coast	v Warringah	4-0	0-3	1-0	3-1
Rockdale	v Gladesville	0-1	0-4	3-1	3-4
Blacktown	v Manly Warringah	2-0	1-1	1-2	2-0
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Van Basten wins IFFHS player poll

BY TED SIMMONS



Former Dutch coach Rinus Michels looks on as compere Desirée Nosbusch talks to the World's third best footballer in 1989, Ruud Gullit, holding the Adidas-IFFHS trophy.

FOOTBALL is a game of favourites with both experts and amateurs frequently arguing about the merits of players, coaches and referees.

Recently, the European magazine IFFHS conducted an international poll to de-

termine the best referee and the best players for the 1989 year.

French referee Michel Vautrot cleared away with the competition in his division while Dutch striker Marco van Basten was another runaway winner.

The points, based on journalist voting from nearly 100 countries:

1 — Marco van Basten (Holland)	132
2 — Franco Baresi (Italy)	62
3 — Ruud Gullit (Holland)	57
4 — Diego Maradona (Argentina)	52
5 — Ruben Sosa (Uruguay)	15
6 — Antonio Filho "Careca" (Brazil)	13

REFEREES

1 — Michel Vautrot (France)	92
2 — Luigi Agnolin (Italy)	47
3 — Erik Fredriksson (Sweden)	26
4 — George Courtney (England)	21
5 — Alexis Ponnet (Belgium)	17
6 — Juan Carlos Loustau (Argentina)	16

THIRD PLACE MATCH

(Alcántara)	3-2
POLAND v FRANCE	

FINAL

ITALY (0) v WEST GERMANY (0)	3-1
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ITALY: Zoff, Bergomi, Cabrini, Collovati, Scirea, Gentile, Orsi, Tardelli, Conti, Graziani (Altobelli) (Causio), Rossi.
WEST GERMANY: Schumacher, Kaltz, Forster K. H., Stielike, Forster B., Bräuer, Dremmler (Huber), Litbarski, Breigel, Rummenigge (Müller), Fischer.
SCORERS: Rossi, Tardelli, Altobelli for Italy; Breitner for West Germany.
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Nemecek of Czechoslovakia (left) and Spain's Villaroya in action when the teams met in Spain last month.

Egypt is ready

BY MUNIR BOWETI

EGYPT, World Cup finalists for the first time since 1934, believe intense and carefully-planned preparations will pay off for them when they travel to this year's finals in Italy.

Although, as coach Mahmoud el-Gohari has admitted, Egypt will lack the strength and experience of their European rivals in group E of the opening round, they hope hard work and organisation will ensure they earn respect.

"We shall do our best in our preparations to make our players gain the experience and reach the standard of the European players. All the players will attack and all will defend. It is going to be difficult — but we will do our best," he said.

In order to give his players a good opportunity to gain experience of playing against European-style teams, el-Gohari has arranged a warm-up programme of 14 matches.

Egypt will meet Poland, Denmark, South Korea and Austria and play two fixtures in Europe during March before returning to meet Romania in Cairo in late March.

"They are tough and more experienced. But we know their tactics very well and they do not know ours. So, we have a chance to do well."

"We are going to the World Cup finals with the hope of making all the world respect Egypt and their players."

Egypt qualified for the finals for the second time by winning African qualifying group B and then beating Algeria 1-0 on aggregate in a decisive two-legged play-off.

El-Gohari admits there is a gap in ability between Egypt and their European rivals. But he believes his well-planned programme of warm-up matches will reduce it.

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They will return to Europe on tour in April when they will play Czechoslovakia, East Germany and a West German club side.

In May, they plan to visit Scotland and Romania before their last warm-up match, against Wales, in Cairo on May 27.

DUTCH FANS IN PRISON

TWO Feyenoord fans were sentenced to jail terms of 10 and seven months for hurling explosive devices into a group of rival spectators.

The two fans, aged 18 and 19, were also ordered to pay up to \$1000 compensation to 15 people injured in the blast.

The sentences were among the heaviest ever meted out to soccer hooligans in Holland as Dutch courts rarely sentence young offenders to more than a year in jail, while compensation claims are minimal compared to some other countries.

One of the injured in the October 22 incident suffered permanent hearing damage.

The two fans hurled bombs from the Feyenoord section of the grandstands at the Ajax Stadium straight into the home team's section.

KAISER FRANZ IS OFF

FRANZ Beckenbauer has been offered the coaching position at Turkish glamour club Fenerbahce when he relinquishes the West German national team post after the World Cup finals.



Beckenbauer travelled to Istanbul last week where Fenerbahce club president Ali Sen is said to have offered him a staggering \$2 million for just one season.

Another crack West German, Inter Milan's Lothar Matthaus, is tempted to move to the United States when his contract with the Italian club expires in 1992.

The US Federation is said to have offered him a job as one of three technical advisors to the national team for the 1994 World Cup finals in the US.

Matthaus' Inter teammate Andreas Brehme, on the other hand, has renewed his contract until June 1991. He will earn \$450,000 a year until the contract runs out.

ITALIA '90 WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN



Cameroun will give World Cup a shake

BY DANIEL MOUNGOU of REUTERS



Cameroun players celebrate after beating Tunisia to qualify for the World Cup finals for a second time.

on experience.

This means the inclusion of a nucleus of players based in the French league where Bell, now 35, now plays for Bordeaux and such men as Bell's chief goalkeeping rival Thomas N'Kono who, at 34, still retains his place in goal for Espanol of Barcelona in the Spanish Second Division.

Other French-based players likely to make an impression during the tournament include Andre Kana Biyick, and Francois Omam Biyick, two men with the talent to catch the eye in Italy.

MEMORIAL REQUEST REJECTED

ENGLISH Football Association officials have turned down a request for the Cup to be given to Liverpool as a memorial to those fans who died in last season's semi-final disaster.

The Hillsborough Family Support Group put the plan to the FA, but Glen Kirton, Head of External Affairs, explained that it had been rejected by the Executive Committee.

"The request was considered with a great deal of sympathy, but the Executive Committee wasn't able to agree to it," said Kirton.

"They didn't feel it was an appropriate gesture to make."

World Cup drug tests

DRUG tests will be carried out at all World Cup finals matches in Italy this year, the director of the International Olympic Committee medical commission said.

Professor Gustavo Tuccimei told a Rome conference for football medical specialists that two doctors would man a drugs test laboratory at each of the 12 Italian cities being used to host the World Cup matches.

Representatives from FIFA will also witness the checks.

Two players from each match will be tested for drugs banned by the IOC during the preliminary round and from them on three players, the professor said.

A dressing room draw will be carried out at half time of each encounter to choose the

players.

Any players who are injured afterwards and taken to hospital will be let off the test and another chosen.

FIFA president Joao Havelange and the heads of the Italian World Cup and Olympic committees were present to hear the details of the tests and medical back-up for the competition starting June 8.

Organising committee chairman Luca Cordero di Montezemolo said teams of doctors would be on hand to treat players, team staff, administrators and accredited journalists at each of the stadiums and hotels where participants are staying.

Mobile medical posts and helicopters equipped with intensive care units will also be used at each World Cup centre.

Sheffield Sheik

SAUDI Arabian multi-millionaire Sheik Abdul Momenah has big plans for Sheffield United, the club he now effectively owns after paying \$11 million to buy a 60 percent controlling interest.

The Sheik, who is also the mayor of Jeddah, had tried unsuccessfully to buy Manchester United.

Sheffield United, he claims, will soon be back in the First Division and then the sky's the limit.

Momenah wants his club to be competitive when English teams are readmitted into European competitions but sceptics claim he only bought United as property speculation, planning eventually to sell the stadium and clubhouse at a huge profit to developers.

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When great soccer matches will be recounted, there will always be a place for this remarkable duel between French skill and West German stamina.

No quarter was given or asked so it was unfortunate that the outcome turned on a horrendous foul by German goalkeeper Harald Schumacher who should have been sent off for viciously "taking out" Patrick Battiston in the 56th minute.

Ironically, later he would become a hero in saving the penalties of Didier Six and Bossis in the shoot-out.

In extra-time, Marius Tresor and Giresse put France ahead in the 92nd and 98th minutes only to see Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Paul Fischer drew level in the 102nd and 103rd.

West Germany won 5-4 on penalties after extra-time . . . so to West Germany a place in the final, but to France the glory of a wondrous night in Seville.

Bobby Charlton convinced England has no chance



BOBBY CHARLTON

THE World Cup may still be 10 weeks away but the legendary Bobby Charlton is already ruling England out of the running.

"I wish I could say we were going to win it, but I can't see us doing that because of the way we play," he confesses.

"We try to give players a rest and help the England manager by giving a few free Saturdays, but we still play too many games."

"And unless we give our lads the best preparation we don't have a cat in hell's chance of winning it."

"We beat ourselves instead of the opposition because we never do ourselves justice. We play a ten-month season and at the end of it our lads are not as physically and mentally fresh as they should be," he warns.

Charlton is no stranger to World Cup success. He was part of England's triumphant 1966 team.

But he adds: "Twenty four years ago we had a rest before the World Cup, then a little training spell, and went straight into it."

Now he's tipping the Soviet Union to be the World Cup surprise in Italy, but before that he's concerned with the plight of his beloved Manchester United near the foot of the First Division.

"The fans must realise we have no God-given right to win the

League," says the Old Trafford director.

"Because we have the biggest ground and biggest attendances, people think we should have the best results and that puts unbearable pressure on everyone."

"Manchester United is still a glamourous club. Everyone loves playing them. It's their fixture of the year and that's something the club has to live with. United need never have easy rides."

— courtesy SHOOT

Indonesian riot

SOCER fans enraged by their team's loss in Jakarta smashed up 35 railway stations across Java, injuring more than 50 people.

Four thousand fans of the Surabaya-based Persebaya team, returning by train to the east Java city from the Indonesian capital, hurled fist-sized stones at people and houses along

the way and looted food from station canteens.

They attacked passing vehicles, damaging 18 passenger trains and two cars on their night journey across Java.

The trail of violence began with raging battles in Jakarta's main stadium when Surabaya was beaten 2-0 by arch-rival Bandung.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



- Crack Yugoslav coach Miroslav Blazevic will quit Nantes at the end of the season after three years in France. Blazevic had a successful stint in Australia.
- Mark Hateley's season is over. His comeback lasted only three games. He again injured his knee and is now back in England after missing Monaco's quarter-final European Cup-Winners' tie against Real Valladolid, of Spain.
- Former French international midfielder Luis Fernandez made up with his namesake, Jean Fernandez, the Cannes coach, and is back in the team after a two-week suspension for criticising his methods.
- Ruben Martinez, the leading scorer, with 21 goals, in the recently concluded Chilean championship with Cobresal, will join Spanish club Osasuna next season.
- Egypt's World Cup goalkeeper Ahmed Shouber is offered a one-year contract with English side Wimbledon.
- Bo Johansson has replaced West German Siggi Held as coach of Iceland's national team.
- Scotland's World Cup players have been offered \$60,000 each if they win the World Cup. They will have to be content with a much more modest \$12,000 per player if they qualify for the second phase in Italy.
- Juventus president Giovanni Agnelli has stated publicly that the team will have a new coach next season. Agnelli is keen to sign Bologna's Luigi Mafredi or Dutchman Leo Beenhakker, now with Ajax after a spell with Real Madrid.
- AS Roma have put out feelers for crack Real Madrid midfielder Martin Vasquez, but there is one hitch — the Spanish club won't consider less than \$3.5 million to part with him.
- Steaua Bucharest fringe player Lucian Balan has signed for Spanish club Murcia.
- New Zealand star Wynton Rufer may play for Lazio in Italy next season. Rufer, one of the top goalscorers in West Germany with Werder Bremen, is on loan from Swiss club Grasshoppers Zurich. Lazio have offered \$6 million to the Swiss for him, plus another \$4 million for the player over four years.
- Sampdoria's Spanish midfielder Victor Munoz may head to Queens Park Rangers when his contract in Italy expires in June.
- Marseille's West German international stopper, Karl-Heinz Foerster, now a naturalised Frenchman, is out of action until the rest of the season after another operation for a hairline fracture of the foot.
- Brazilian Carlos Roberto Calvano has been given a one-year contract to coach Thailand's national team.
- Malmo FF, after their first full year as a professional outfit, showed a profit of \$1.7 million, thanks to increased revenue from advertising and Swedish TV rights.
- Finland have agreed that their international against Eire in Dublin on May 16 can be a testimonial for veteran Irish midfield star Liam Brady. The Finns were beaten 2-1 by the USA in America a fortnight ago — the first US win over a European national side in more than 10 years.
- Brazilian Mirandinha has agreed to terms to complete his return to Sao Paulo club Palmeiras from Newcastle United.
- Swede Jan Jansson is out of the World Cup finals after a freak accident at home where he ripped knee ligaments as he knelt to take his dinner out of the oven!
- The United States have enlisted Henry Kissinger's support for special legislation designed to rush through Roy Wegerle's citizenship papers so the Queens Park Rangers South African-born striker can play for the US in the World Cup finals.
- Austrian club Linzer ASK are negotiating the purchase of Anton Czuk, a Soviet fullback, from Dnepr.
- UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, have banned Tommy Cassidy, former Northern Ireland international, from all football for alleged corruption offences.
- Soviet star Igor Dobrovolsky, whose two penalties destroyed Australia in the Olympic Games quarter-finals, has been contacted by Spain's Betis Sevilla. However, Italian clubs are sure to bid for the Dynamo Moscow midfielder, especially if he performs well in the World Cup finals.
- Dieter Honeness, the former West German international winger who starred for Bayern Munich, has joined VfB Stuttgart as general manager.

Streeter's retirement honour

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

GEORGE Streeter, a very popular Sydney club official currently with Marconi, will be viewing the World Cup in Italy at first hand.

The trip comes by courtesy of his workmates, and the company that has employed him over the last 10 years, Hagemeyer Australia.

A marketing representative with Hagemeyer (JVC and Christian Dior), George retires this week. His colleagues throughout Australia chipped in to finance the trip.

George Streeter arrived in Australia from England in 1965 from his beloved Brighton in Sussex, where he started playing Soccer at the tender age of five.

He played senior Soccer with Worthington in the Sussex County League as a left midfielder, retiring at the grand old age of 38 following a cartilage operation.

Such was George's passion for the code, he took up refereeing to remain in the game and achieved his Class 1 badge in the South of England.

After arriving in Sydney some 25 years ago, George became associated with the Corinthians, Granville, Western Suburbs, Blacktown



George Streeter

City and for the past three years with NSL champions, Marconi.

The next time ASW readers attend Marconi Stadium, they will be able to hear his voice as he makes the announcements.

Although he retires from the fulltime workforce on Friday, he is extremely keen to continue his involvement in the Soccer fraternity.

The Hagemeyer Company (JVC), a major sponsor at the World Cup finals, will be regarding George as their

special guest in Italy as a magnificent gesture for 10 years of loyal service.

George told us this week: "I am overcome by this wonderful gesture by my work friends and the Hagemeyer Company.

"Nevertheless I will be still thinking of Australia whilst I am in Italy."

George will be flown to Naples and Rome to see the semi-finals and final, an experience which will leave him with indelible memories.

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Brazilians are concerned, how can anyone ever muster the courage to even consider doubting their most unpredictable ability.

Yet there is Franz Beckenbauer, "Der Kaiser", who has remained suspiciously silent about his West

German side. Can Beckenbauer instil his playing bril-

liance of yesteryear into the squad he commands?



GIANLUCA VIALLI

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Option 2: Day in.

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In the morning sightseeing tour of Rome and later in the afternoon departure to Tivoli and Villa Adriana, followed by a sumptuous dinner.

Thurs 5th July
Option 1: a full-day tour of Florence with lunch at leisure and dinner at Orvieto. Option 2 is to take a shuttle bus to the centre of Rome. Dinner at the Quattro Fiumi and Trescaltini Restaurants in Piazza Navonna.

Fri 6th July
Free Day to take shuttle bus to centre of Rome. Gala dinner at Castello Di Bracciano.

Sat July 7th
Option 1 is a tour of Sistine Chapel and Colosseum. Option 2 involves taking a shuttle bus to centre of Rome. Roman banquet at The Sheraton in the evening.

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